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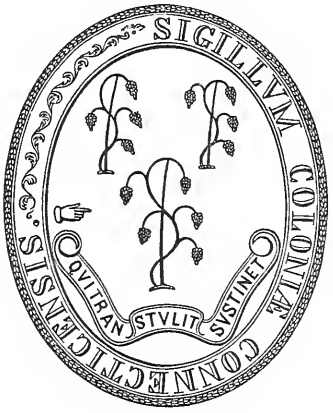

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PREFACE.

The record of eight sessions of the General Assembly is in this book.

Of neither branch of the legislature are the Journals for this period preserved in our archives: nor do they exist, so far as the editor is aware.

The Journal of the Governor and Council after October, 1773, is not extant. So much of that journal from October, 1772, to October, 1773, as is preserved is printed in this volume, but it is of slight interest. It is much to be regretted that the Council Journal and the Journal of the House of Representatives for the period approaching the Revolution should be lost.

In the Appendix are reprinted four pamphlets which were published by authority:

I. The Susquehannah Case, sufficiently described in a note at page 161 of this volume.

II. Report of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly of this Colony to treat with the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania respecting the Boundaries of this Colony and of that Province. Norwich: Printed by Green & Spooner, 1774.

This is a pamphlet of thirty-seven pages, small quarto. It has been described in various catalogues as having thirty-six pages, for the last leaf is wanting in most of the few remaining copies. Timothy Green's bill for printing two hundred copies, five and a quarter sheets, is in our archives, *Finance & Currency*, V, doc. 117. The correspondence between the Commissioners and Governor Penn, in this pamphlet, is also printed in *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, vol. x, and *Pennsylvania Archives*, vol. iv.

III. An Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony of Connecticut, January 1, 1774. Together with an Account of the Number of Inhabitants, taken January 1, 1756. Published by order of the General Assembly. Hartford: Printed by Ebenezer Watson, 1774.

This is a folio of nine leaves, each printed only on one side. Watson's bill for the printing, £29 17 9, is in *Revolutionary War*,

I, 201. He made a discount of £3 "for the liberty of the copy," but the General Assembly, it seems, thought his charge excessive.

IV. Heads of Inquiry relative to the Present State and Condition of His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut, signified by His Majesty's Secretary of State in his Letter of the 5th July, 1773; with the Answers thereto. New London: Printed by T. Green, Printer to the Governor and Company, 1775.

This is a small folio of fifteen pages. Six hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

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March 4th, 1887.

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THE PUBLIC RECORDS

OF THE

COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

[VOLUME XI., PAGE 149.]

Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii duodecimo.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN IN SAID COLONY ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER (BEING THE SEVENTH * DAY OF SAID MONTH) AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TO THE THIRTIETH DAY OF THE SAME MONTH, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1772.

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, *Deputy Governor.*

Hezekiah Huntington, Esq^{r},	Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq^{r},	Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r},	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r},	Wm. Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r},	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r},	Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r},	
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r},	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},	
William Pitkin, Esq^{r},		

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.
Capt. Josiah Bissell, Capt. Josiah Phelps, for Windsor.
Capt. Jonath^{n} Humphry, Capt. Judah Holcomb, for Symsbury.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Mr. Joshua Fuller, for Stafford.
Capt. Joel White, Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.
Maj^{r} Henry Champion, Mr. Daniel Foot, for Colchester.

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*So in the record. However, the second Thursday in October came on the eighth in 1772.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r}, Mr. Richard Alsop, for Midletown.
Colo. John Strong, Capt. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Mr. Edward Collins, Mr. Samuel Pease, for Enfield.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Zerah Kibbee, for Somers.
Capt. Abner Barker, Mr. Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Mr. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
[150] Capt. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Elisha Steel, for Tolland.
Capt. Thomas Belding, Mr. Silas Dean, for Weathersfield.
Mr. Alexander King, Mr. Gideon Granger, for Suffield.
Capt. Obediah Horsford, Capt. David Barber, for Hebron.
Colo. Hez^{h} Brainerd, Capt. Thomas Selden, for Hadam.
Maj^{r} Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Charles Elsworth, for East Windsor.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Capt. Dyer Throop, for East Hadam.
Mr. John Kimberly, Capt. Jonath^{n} Wells, for Glastonbury.
Mr. James H. [*sic*] Hilhouse, Mr. Samuel Bishop, for New Haven.
Mr. Samuel Brown, Capt. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hall, jun^{r}, Capt. John Wooster, for Derby.
Maj^{r} William Gould, Mr. Edward Russell, for Branford.
Benjamin Hall, Esq^{r},* Capt. Macock Ward, for Wallingford.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Capt. James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Capt. John Fowler, Maj^{r} David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Timothy Judd, for Waterbury.
Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Isaac Tracy, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, for Norwich.
Maj^{r} Charles Phelps, Capt. Daniel Fish, for Stonington.
Mr. Jonathan Brewster, Mr. Benjamin Coit, for Preston.
Maj^{r} Samuel H. Parsons, Mr. John Lay 2d, for Lyme.
Mr. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Mr. Stephen Chalker, for Saybrook.
Capt. Elnathan Stephens, Mr. Stephen Wilcox, for Killingworth.
Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, David Burr, Esq^{r}, for Fairfield.
Hon^{ble} Thomas Fitch, Esq^{r}, Mr. Thomas Belding, for Norwalk.
Capt. James Potter, Mr. Alex^{r} Fairchild, for New Fairfield.
Maj^{r} Charles Webb, Mr. Benja. Weed, for Stanford.
Maj^{r} John Chandler, Capt. Henry Glover, for Newtown.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Theophilus Nichols, for Stratford.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.

* This was the last appearance of Mr. Hall in public life. He died at Cheshire Jan. 3d, 1773, in his 69th year. His widow married Ebenezer Silliman, Esq., the next July.

Capt. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. Hezekiah Sanford, for Redding.
Colo. Philip B. Bradley, Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgfield.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Jacob Simons, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
Mr. Samuel Gordon, Mr. Samuel Stewart, for Voluntown.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Phineas Strong, for Coventry.
Capt. John Douglass, Capt. Isaac Coit, for Plainfield.
Colo. Jabez Fitch, Mr. David Payne, for Canterbury.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edward Freeman, for Mansfield.
Capt. Elisha Child, Mr. Jedediah Morse, for Woodstock.
Mr. Ezra Smith, Capt. Jedediah Fay, for Ashford.
Colo. Ebenez[r] Williams, Mr. Thomas Williams, for Pomfret.
Mr. Bryant Brown, Mr. Edward Adams, for Killingley.
Capt. John Marsh, Mr. Jedediah Strong, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Bushnel Bostwick, Capt. Samuel Canfield, for New Milford.
Colo. John Williams, Mr. Simeon Smith, for Sharon.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel jr., Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
[151] Capt. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Edmund Beach, for Goshen.
Mr. John Cook, Mr. Ephraim Bancroft, for Torrington.
Mr. Joshua Porter, Capt. James Landon, for Salisbury.
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwall.
Mr. Elisha Baker, Capt. John Ensign, for Canaan.
Maj[r] Abijah Catlin, Mr. Ashbel Skinner, for Harwington.
Capt. Abel Merrells, Mr. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r], Speaker, } of the House of
William Williams, Esq[r], Clerk, } Representatives.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this Colony entituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all and every warrant or warrants that shall hereafter be issued and granted out against any person or persons, for any fine or fines for neglecting or not attending military duty, shall be issued against the body of such delinquent as well as against his personal estate; and the body or bodies of such delinquent or delinquents shall and may be by force of such warrant committed to and held in goal until such delinquent shall pay and satisfy such fine or fines, as in cases of execution for debt.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, for the future, no person shall be compelled to serve as a private

centinel in the militia after he has arrived to the age of forty-five years.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the two last paragraphs of the law of this Colony entituled An act for explanation and alteration of the law of this Colony entituled An act for forming and regulating the militia and for the encouragement of military skill for the better defence of this Colony,* be repealed, and the same are hereby repealed and made null and void.

An Act for preventing and punishing the Stealing of Horses.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whoever shall steal any horse within this Colony, and be thereof duly convicted, shall pay and satisfy to the owner of such horse treble the value thereof, and also pay as a fine to the Colony treasury the sum of ten pounds, and be further punished by being publickly whipped on the naked body not exceeding fifteen stripes, and be confined in a work-house or house of correction, not exceeding three months; there to be kept at hard labour, and be further whipped on the first Monday of each month, not exceeding ten stripes each time; and for want of estate wherewith to pay and satisfy such damages and fine, the court before whom such conviction is had may assign such delinquent in service, so long as they shall judge proper, to the party injured or his assigns, if he or they will accept thereof, or otherwise to any of his Majesty's subjects.

And, to encourage the detecting such offenders:

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall [152] be ‖ paid out of the Colony treasury to the person detecting and prosecuting such thief to effect in any county court or superior court in this Colony his costs expended in such prosecution, not exceeding six pounds.

An Act for preventing Vessels passing through the Rope Ferry (so called) in New London, in the Night Season.

Whereas travellers are frequently much retarded in their business by the ferry rope over the said ferry being carried away and the boat going adrift, by vessels passing through said ferry in the night season: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no sloop or other vessel shall pass either up or down said river through said ferry place from six o'clock afternoon until six o'clock in the morning, between the first of October and the first of March annually; nor from nine o'clock in the evening until five o'clock in the morning, between the

* Passed October session, 1755, Vol. x, 410–11.

first of March and the first of October annually, without giving notice to the ferryman one hour at least before such vessels shall attempt to pass through said ferry.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any master or other commander of any sloop or other vessel shall be guilty of a breach of this act, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings for every such offence: one-half to the owner or proprietor of said ferry, the other half to the town treasury of New London.

Whereas there is strong reason to suspect that an atrocious murther has been committed at Saybrook in the county of New London, upon the body of one James Johnson, a transient person, by one James Sheelds or Sheels also a transient person: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Hon^{r} the Governor be desired, and he is hereby desired, to issue a proclamation offering a reward of thirty pounds for the apprehending the said Sheilds or Sheels, the said supposed murtherer, that he may be brought to justice.

This Assembly do hereby authorize and impower Colo. Strong of Farmington, to make sale of two pieces of land situate in Farmington, belonging to this Colony, whereof he is to render an account to the Assembly in May next, and to make and execute deed or deeds for the passing said lands, which shall be good and authentick in law.

Whereas there are sufficient funds provided for drawing in and discharging all the outstanding bills of credit of this Colony at the respective periods fixed for that purpose: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, ordered and directed, to receive any of the bills of credit of this Colony in payment of the Colony rates, and to pay out any of the monies in the treasury in exchange for any of said bills that are become due.

This Assembly do appoint William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r}, to be a Judge of the Superior Court of this Colony in the room of the late Robert Walker, Esq^{r}, deceased.*

Whereas report hath been made to this Assembly that there is a debt due to the Governor and Company of this Colony from the estate of Moses Mansfield, late of New Haven, deceas'd, which is accepted: Resolved by this Assembly, that James Abraham Hilhouse and Samuel Bishop, jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, both of New Haven, be and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to recover the said debt for the use of this

*Mr. Walker was stricken with apoplexy, while at breakfast at his home in Stratford, on Monday, July 13th, 1772, and expired in about fifteen minutes. He was in his 69th year. *Courant*, No. 395.

Colony, and to commence and prosecute any legal suit for that purpose.

[153] This Assembly appoints Joshua Porter, Esq^{r}, to be a Justice of Quorum in and for the county of Litchfield until the first day of June next.

This Assembly appoints David Burr, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly appoints William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Hine to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish John Smith to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Johnson to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Lane to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Salisbury.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Fletcher to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Salisbury.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Stanton to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Salisbury.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Johnson to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Pierson to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Birdseye to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ozias Wilcox to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Johnson to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Tryon to be Lieutenant

of the 18th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Sumner to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Hazzin to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Griswold to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Zacheus Gillet to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Cornish to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Charles Bulkley to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Birge to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Torrington.

This Assembly do establish John Strong to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Torrington.

[154] This Assembly do establish Noah Fowler to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Hopson to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Increase Pendleton to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Warner to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Bissell to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Fuller to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Chandler to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mark Elwell to be Ensign of

the 18th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonas Frink to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Boardman to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Barton Cook to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Morgan jun^{r} to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Wright jun^{r} to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Brewster to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Absalom Pride to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Peter Alcott to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Loomiss to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton.

This Assembly do establish Jared Cone to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton.

This Assembly do establish Seth Gregory to be Ensign of the company or trainband in Stratfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Wells to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Chester Wells to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hanmer to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Job Wright to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

[155] This Assembly do establish Eleazer Mitchell to be Captain of the company or trainband in the society of South Britain in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Hinman to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of South Britain in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish David Pierce to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of South Britain in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Wheeler to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Norton to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Barnabas Thomson to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Woodford jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Lyon to be Captain of the seventeenth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Lyon to be Lieutenant of the seventeenth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Child to be Ensign of the seventeenth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Smith to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Ridgefield.

This Assembly do establish John Glover jun^{r} to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abel Botsford jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Hall to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Main to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Brown jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish John York jun^{r} to be Ensign

of the third company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish James Stedman to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Hammond to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Perkins to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of Hanover in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Adams to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of Hanover in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Bradley to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Smith to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

[156] This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Holcomb to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Phelps to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Alderman jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish George Benjamin to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Coe to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish William Wells to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Griswold to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Noah Griswold to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Return Jonathan Meigs to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Wetmore to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Ventruss to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Gold to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Amos Chappel to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Marriner to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Peirsons to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Dunlap to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Chidsey to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Israel Potter to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Rezin Gridley to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Hastings to be Captain of the troop of horse in the third regiment of this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Lathrop to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Hall to be Lieutenant of the northeast company or trainband in the town of Wallingford.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Shepard to be Ensign of the northeast company or trainband in the town of Wallingford.

[157] This Assembly do establish David Leavenworth to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Tille Blakley to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Trueman Hinman to be Captain of the south company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hecox to be Lieutenant of the south company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Johnson to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish William Gaylord Hubbel to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Pickett to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Leach to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

Whereas credible information has been given to this Assembly, that one Zebulon Culver, a lieutenant of the company in the regiment in this Colony under the command of Capt. Roger Marsh, on the 13th day of October instant, being a publick training day for said company legally warned and convened, in a turbulent and contemptuous manner drew off part of said company and assumed the chief command over them, and with them did publickly disobey and insult his said Capt. Marsh his orders and authority, and in great contempt of the laws of this Colony regulating their militia &c.: Whereupon this Assembly order and direct that a precept be issued forth by the Secretary of this Colony immediately, to arrest the body of him the said Zebulon Culver, and him have before this Assembly, to answer to the said information and further be dealt with as to justice appertains, and that proper evidences be also cited to appear.

Whereas Zebulon Culver, of Litchfield in Litchfield county, being a lieutenant in the second military company in said town under the command of Capt. Roger Marsh, being by special warrant brought before this Assembly upon the complaint of the said Capt. Marsh against said Culver for being guilty of disobeying his orders &c. in contempt of the laws of this Colony, as per complaint on file, and this Assembly having examined into the matters of said complaint, and the said Culver having before this Assembly, by his written confession on file, made suitable reflexions upon himself for his conduct in the premises, praying for favour, which confession is accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Culver be dismissed and released from any further punishment, upon his paying the cost that has arisen in and about the premises.

Whereas upon the petition of Samuel Tozer of Colchester

against Peter Bulkley of said Colchester, the General Assembly at their sessions in May last appointed Joshua West, Samuel Selden and Benjamin Huntington, Esq[rs], a committee to enquire into the matters in said petition alledged and make report &c , as per petition on file, and said committee having enquired into said matters have made report to this Assembly, that they find said Samuel Tozer is jointly indebted to said Peter Bulkley in the sum of thirty-seven pounds one shilling and four pence, and that what sum said Bulkley has got satisfyed on his execution ought to be deducted out of that sum, and that said Bulkley's execution [158] ought to be endorsed ‖ down to that sum &c., as per report on file, which report is accepted and approved by this Assembly: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that said execution in favour of said Bulkley against said Tozer, mentioned in said petition, and the judgment on which it was granted may not be carried into execution for any further or greater sum than £37 1 4, including what sum hath already been paid or satisfyed on said execution. And the clerk of said county court for the county of Hartford is hereby authorized and impowered to grant alias execution on said judgment at the request of said Bulkley with a proper endorsement thereon that said judgment and former execution is satisfyed or remitted down to said sum of £37 1*s.* 4*d.* including the sum that hath been paid or satisfyed already on said execution.

Upon the petition of Richard Alsop, of Midletown in the county of Hartford, against George Stilman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that John Provost, late of the city and Province of New York, now deceased, in his life time before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1765, recovered a judgment of said court against said George Stilman for the sum of £56 10 0, York currency, damages, and £2 6 6, lawful money, for his costs of suit, and had execution issued thereon in due form of law, and the same was delivered to Stephen Blake, then sheriff's deputy for Hartford county, and the same on the first of September following was by said Blake levied on a small triangular piece of land, the property of said George, lying in said George's homelot in said Midletown now in Chatham in said county, containing four acres, beginning at the southwest corner of land the same day taken in execution at the suit of John Alsop, and runs thence by Connecticut River as said river runs forty-seven rods, thence turns and runs north 34

degrees east fifty rods, thence turns and runs by said Alsop's said land west fifteen degrees north twenty-eight rods to the first station abovesaid, and the same being then apprized at the price of thirty-two pounds, lawful money, the said Blake then immediately indorsed and subscribed his return of the said levy and apprizement on said execution, and said Provost likewise then and there indorsed on said execution his acceptance thereof as £32 0 0, lawful money, in part of said execution, and delivered the same to said Blake to return into the clerk's office of said county court to be recorded, and thereupon entered and took possession of said land and held the same until he conveyed the same by an authentick deed to said Alsop, who thereupon entered and hath held said land ever since, and that upon diligent search lately made said Alsop finds that said execution and said officer's return thereon are not either of record or on file in said office, neither can they be found among said Blake's papers, who is since deceased insolvent, and that the same is either lost or purloined from said clerk's office or lost some other way without any default of said Alsop, whereby his title to said land has become very defective; he therefore prays this Assembly to confirm his title to said land in as ample a manner as if said execution and said returns of said officer were entered of record, as per petition on file, dated September 21st, A.D. 1772; and the said Stilman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to be true: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Richard Alsop may and shall have and hold the abovementioned land to him, his heirs and assigns, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, as if said Blake's return of said execution and apprizement had been duly made to the office of the clerk of the county court for said Hartford county and there recorded; and that this decree, or a transcript thereof, in all future tryals at law shall be admitted and received as full evidence of said Richard's title to said land against said George Stilman and all claiming by, from or under him.

Upon the petition of William Jepson, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, and others his creditors &c., preferred to the General Assembly, shewing that by losses, misfortunes &c. he is reduced and become unable to pay his debts &c., praying for an act of insolvency to be passed in his favour, as per petition on file; Oliver Wolcott, Thomas Darling, Esq[rs], and Capt. Joseph Trumbull were appointed a committee by the General Assembly in May last, who accordingly

make report, that they notifyed said Jepson's creditors, and none appeared to object or otherwise, and that said Jepson's [159] debts amount to £1949 10 11, exclusive of the ‖ sum of £592 15*s.* 6*d.* found to be due to Doct. Silvester Gardiner, of Boston, in their company concerns, and for payment of which said company securities are on the petition of said Gardiner against said Jepson ordered to be delivered to said Gardiner if the same can be obtained therefrom, and that the amount of said Jepson's credits and estate, exclusive of his household furniture, chirurgical instruments, books and riding horse, which are necessary for the upholding life, amounts to the sum of £1075 12*s.* 7*d.* lawful money, and finding that said Jepson has conducted fairly &c., and that he is willing to resign up all his estate excepting necessaries aforesaid, to be put into the hands of trustees for the use and benefit of his creditors; also give it as their opinion, that said Jepson ought to have a special act of insolvency made and passed in his favour, upon his resigning up his estate as aforesaid, as per report on file: It is resolved and enacted by this Assembly, that Messrs. Joseph Church jun^{r} and Jonathan Bull be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power to receive from said Jepson a conveyance of all his estate and effects for the use and benefit of his creditors, excepting as above excepted in said report referred to; and upon said Jepson's delivering up on oath and conveying all his estate and effects for the purpose aforesaid, excepting as in said report is excepted above referred to, said trustees are hereby impowered to proceed with and dispose of said estate and effects in the same manner as trustees appointed by force of a late law of this Colony pass'd in May, 1765, entituled An Act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estate and effects of such debtors to and amongst their creditors, were enabled and directed to proceed with and dispose of the estate and effects of insolvent debtors; and that the petitioner be and he is hereby entituled to all the benefits, privileges and freedom from arrests, which insolvent debtors conforming to said act were entituled to; and that his person be and the same is hereby discharged from any and all liableness to arrest and imprisonment for debt by him owing to any person or persons in the Provinces of the Massachusets Bay, Connecticut or New York. And this act shall be a sufficient warrant to all officers or others, to forbear arresting or imprisoning the petitioner for any debt or debts heretofore contracted and owed by him.

Upon the petition of Silvester Gardiner, Esq[r], of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusets Bay, against William Jepson, of Hartford in the county of Hartford: Whereas in October last Oliver Wolcott and Thomas Darling, Esq[rs], and Capt. Joseph Trumbull were appointed a committee to hear and examine the matters alledged in said petition, and also to adjust all accounts and concerns between said parties, and to make report to this Assembly in May last, and said committee not having then finished their report, and said petition being continued to this time: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Oliver Wolcott and Thomas Darling, Esq[rs], and Capt. Joseph Trumbull be and they are reappointed a committee, to hear and examine the matters in said petition alledged and also to adjust all accounts and concerns between said parties, and to make report of what they shall find in the premises to this Assembly at their present session.

Upon the petition of John Alsop, of the city and Province of New York, against George Stilman, of Saybrook in New London county, shewing that he, said Alsop, before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1765, recovered a judgment against said George Stilman and Beriah Bacon, then of Midletown, now of Chatham in said Hartford county, for the sum of £261 5 8, New York currency, for damages, and £2 8 0, lawful money, for his costs of suit, and that having taken execution in due form of law on said judgment, he caused the same on the first day of September thence next following, to be levied by Stephen Blake, then a deputy sheriff for said Hartford county, on two certain pieces of land then in said Midletown now in said Chatham, being the proper estate of said George Stilman: one of said pieces lying in the home lot of said George, containing six acres and one hundred rods of land, beginning at the northwest corner of land taken on execution at the suit of Thomas Walker and running thence west 37 degrees north by a lane or highway five rods, thence west 13 degrees south by Bushes' building-yard eighteen rods, thence south seven degrees west by Connecticut [160] River thirty-five || rods, thence south 3 degrees west by said river ten rods and an half, thence east 15 degrees south by land taken the same day on execution at the suit of John Provost twenty-eight rods, thence north 34 degrees east twelve rods by land taken the same day on execution at the suit of Gabriel Ludlow, thence west 37 degrees north by Thomas Walker's said land twenty-one rods, thence north 18

degrees east by said Walker's land thirty rods to the station first abovementioned; the other piece lying in Pacousit meadow and bounded west by the pond and south by Doct. John Dickinson's land; and the same being duly apprized at the sum of £135 14 0, lawful money, that the said Blake endorsed his return of said levy and apprizement on said execution and took the same to return; that, notwithstanding, the said Blake either never returned said execution, or that the same hath been casually lost out of the clerk's office of the county court for said Hartford county, whereby he is in danger of losing all benefit of said judgment; praying that his title to said two pieces of land may be ratifyed and confirmed, and that he may have liberty to take out an alias execution on said judgment for the balance thereon due, as per petition on file, dated September 21st, 1772: and said Stillman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to be true: Resolved by this Assembly, that said John Alsop and his heirs and assigns may and shall have and hold the two pieces of land above described, as fully and amply as though said execution with said officer's endorsement had been returned and recorded in the clerk's office of said Hartford county; and that this decree, or an exemplification thereof, shall in any future tryal at law be admitted and received as full evidence to maintain the title of the said John Alsop, his heirs and assigns, to said two pieces of land against the said George Stilman, and all claiming by, from or under him; and that said John Alsop shall have liberty to take out an alias execution on said judgment against said Stilman and Bacon for the balance due on said judgment, after deducting the sum of £135 14 0, lawful money, at which said lands were apprized, as is abovesaid.

Upon the petition of David Beekman and Abraham Lynsen, both of the city and Province of New York, against George Stillman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that said David and Abraham before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1765, recovered judgment against said Stilman for the sum of £313 15 11, New York currency, for damages, and £2 6 6, lawful money, for their costs of suit, and had execution issued thereon in due form of law, and caused the same on the first of September following by Stephen Blake, then sheriff's deputy for Hartford county, to be duly levied on the southern half of said Stilman's dwelling-house, then in said Midletown now in Chatham in said

county, and a small piece of land thereto adjoining containing three roods of land, beginning at the middle of said house and running thence south 34 degrees west six rods by the highway, thence turning and running west 37 degrees north twenty rods, thence turning and running north 34 degrees east 6 rods, thence turning and running east 37 degrees south twenty rods through the middle of said house to the station first mentioned, and the same was duly apprized at £129 12*s.* 0, lawful money, and said Blake then immediately indorsed his return of his doings in levying said execution as aforesaid and the apprizement of said estate on the back of said execution and took the same to return to the clerk of the county court in order to record the same, and that the same never was recorded in said clerk's office, but either was lost by said Blake or purloined out of said office, whereby said David and Abraham's title to said part of said house and land above described is defeated, they having, without any default or latches of theirs, been deprived of all benefit of said execution; whereupon they pray that their title to said part of said house and land might be secured to them as effectually as if said officer's return had been recorded in the proper office; as per petition on file, dated September 21st, 1772; and said Stilman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to be true: Resolved by this Assembly, that said David Beekman and Abraham Lynsen may and shall have and hold the said half of the abovementioned house and said land abovedescribed to them, their heirs and assigns, as fully and amply as if said Blake's return of said execution and apprizement had been duly made to the office of the clerk of the county court for said Hartford county and there recorded; and that this decree or a transcript thereof in all future trials at law shall be admitted and received as full evidence of said David and Abraham's title to said half of said house and said land against said George Stilman and all claiming by, from or under him.

[161] Upon the petition of Philip Daggett, of the town and county of New Haven, representing to this Assembly that for some years past he hath been a person in trade, and that by means of much sickness, epileptic fits, loss of eyesight, and other misfortunes, he is become insolvent and unable to pay his debts, and is now attached and under confinement in said New Haven at the suit of some of his creditors, and praying to be liberated from his present confinement and to be discharged upon his delivering up his estate on oath to

trustees by this Assembly for that purpose to be appointed for the benefit of all his creditors, or that this Assembly will otherwise provide for his relief as they in their great wisdom shall think proper: This Assembly do therefore appoint John Whiting, Daniel Lyman and Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, a committee to examine the circumstances of the said Daggett and to ascertain the amount of his debts, credits and estate, and the true situation of his affairs, and to make report thereof to this or the next General Assembly, and that he, the said Daggett, be and he is hereby liberated from his present confinement and from all arrests of his present creditors for and on account of any debts now due, until the rising of the General Assembly of this Colony in May next.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Kissam and Joseph Hallet, both of the city and Province of New York, against George Stilman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that the petitioners, as executors of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Hazard late of said city, merchant, deceased, before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1772, recovered a judgment of said court against said George Stilman for the sum of £100 10 1, New York currency, for their damages, and £2 6 6, like money, for their costs of suit, and soon after took out execution thereon in due form of law, and the same on the first day of September then following caused to be levyed by Stephen Blake, then a deputy-sheriff for Hartford county, on part of the then dwelling-house and house-lot of said George lying in Chatham in said Hartford county, to wit: on part of the northern half of said house and three-quarters of an acre of land thereto adjoining, bounded easterly on a highway, northerly and westerly on land taken in execution the same day by Thomas Walker, and southerly on the other half of said house and land taken in execution at the same time at the suit of David Beekman and Abraham Lynsen, and the whole of said northern half being duly apprized at £120 8 0, lawful money, so much of the same was set out to the petitioner in severalty as was of the value of £58 10*s*., lawful money, and that said Blake endorsed on said execution the levy and apprizement aforesaid and took the same to return, but that said Blake either never made any return of said execution or the same is casually lost out of the clerk's office of said county court, whereby the petitioners are liable to lose all benefit of their said judgment, and praying a confirmation of their title to said house and land under said levy, as per petition on file,

dated September 28th, 1772; and the said Stilman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to be true: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Kissam and Hallett, their heirs and assigns, shall and may have and hold said interest in said house and land as fully and amply as though said execution and said officer's return thereon had been duly returned into the office of the clerk of the county court for said Hartford county and there recorded, and that this decree, or an exemplification thereof, shall be admitted and received in any future tryal at law as full evidence of the said Kissam and Hallet's right and title to said interest in said house and land against any claim of said Stilman or any other person or persons claiming from, by or under him.

Upon the petition of Gabriel Ludlow, of the city and Province of New York, and Samuel Cooper, of Chatham in the county of Hartford, against George Stilman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that said Gabriel before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1765, recovered two several judgments against said Stilman: the one for £118 5 8, York currency, for damages, and £2 6 6, lawful money, for costs of suit, and the other for £167 0 7, York currency, damages, and £2 6 6, lawful money, for costs of suit, and had execution thereon in due form of law, and caused the same on the first day of September A. D. 1765, by Stephen Blake, then sheriff's deputy for Hartford county, to be duly [162] levied on a piece of ‖ land in the home-lot of said Stilman, then in said Midletown now in Chatham in said county, containing twelve acres of land, beginning at the highway six rods south of said Stilman's dwelling-house and runs thence south 34 degrees west forty-one rods by said highway, thence west 40 degrees south by said highway twenty-three rods, thence west 33 degrees south by said highway seven rods, thence west 16 degrees south ten rods to Connecticut River, thence north 11 degrees west by said river thirteen rods, thence north 34 degrees east partly by land taken in execution the same day by John Provost and partly by land taken by execution the same day by John Alsop sixty-one rods and an half, thence east 37 degrees south by land taken by execution by Thomas Walker and David Beekman and others thirty rods to the first station, which was then duly apprized, and that said Blake made and endorsed his return of said levy and apprizement of said land on said execution in due form of law, and that said Ludlow thereupon entered

in and upon said land and held the same and hath ever since possessed the same, and hath now sold the same with warranty to said Samuel Cooper, and that said Blake about sixteen months after said levy was drowned, and that said Gabriel and Samuel have made diligent search among the papers of said Blake for said executions but are not able to find them, and that the same were lost by said Blake or else negligently lost in or purloined out of the office of said clerk of the county court without any default of said Gabriel and Samuel, whereby their title to said land is rendered very precarious and in danger of being defeated; whereupon they pray that their title to said land may be held and deemed good and effectual in law to hold the same as thô said executions with the sheriff's return thereon had been recorded in said clerk's office, as per petition on file, dated September 21st 1772; and the said Stilman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to be true: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Samuel Cooper may and shall have and hold the piece of land abovedescribed, to him, his heirs and assigns, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as though said Blake's return of said levy and apprizement had been duly made to the office of the clerk of the county court for said Hartford county and there recorded, and that this decree or a transcript thereof in all future tryals at law shall be admitted and received as full evidence of said Samuel's title to said land against said George Stilman and all claiming from, by or under him.

Upon the petition of William Walker, Isabel Walker and Rebecca Walker, all of the city of Chester in England, and Deborah Walker, of Midletown in the county of Hartford, against George Stilman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that Thomas Walker, late of said Midletown, deceas'd, in his life time before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1765, recovered judgment against said Stilman for the sum of £126 15 0, lawful money, damages, and £1 19 6, like money, for costs, and took execution thereon and caused the same on the first day of September following by Stephen Blake, then sheriff's deputy for Hartford county, to be duly levyed on eight acres of land the property of said Stilman and parcel of his home-lot, then lying in said Midletown now in Chatham in said Hartford county, beginning at the corner opposite to Noah Smith's house and running by the highway, thence south 34 degrees west fifteen rods and three quarters, thence turning and running by a piece of land

reserved for a house-lot west 37 degrees north twenty rods, thence turning and running south 34 degrees west by the rear of said house-lot to land the same day taken in execution at the suit of Gabriel Ludlow, thence turning and running by said Ludlow's said land and John Alsop's land west 37 degrees north thirty-one rods and an half, thence turning and running by said Alsop's said land north 18 degrees east to a lane or highway, thence by said highway east 37 degrees south fifty-nine rods to the first station; and that said Blake made and endorsed his return of said levy and the apprizement of said land on said execution in due form of law, and that said Blake afterwards lost said execution or that the same was casually lost out of the office of the clerk for said Hartford county without the default of said Thomas, whereby the title of said Thomas to said land is in danger of being defeated; farther shewing that said Thomas by his last will and testament since his death duly proved and approved devised his real estate to said petitioners, and praying a confirmation of their title to said land, as per petition on file, dated September 22d, 1772; and the said Stilman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to [163] be true: || Resolved by this Assembly, that the legatees of the real estate of said Thomas Walker deceased may and shall have and hold said land abovedescribed to them and their heirs, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as though said Blake's return of said levy and apprizement had been duly made to the office of the clerk of the county court for said Hartford county and there recorded; and that this decree or a transcript thereof in all future tryals at law shall be admitted and received as full evidence of said legatees' title to said land against said George Stilman and all claiming from, by or under him.

Upon the petition of James Jauncey, of the city and Province of New York, against George Stilman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that he, said petitioner, before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1765, recovered judgment against said Stilman for the sum of £105 1 4, York currency, damages, and £2 6 6, lawful money, for cost of suit, and had execution issued thereon in due form of law, and caused the same on the first day of September following by Stephen Blake, then sheriff's deputy for Hartford county, to be duly levyed on part of the dwelling-house of said George Stilman then in Midletown in Hartford county now in Chatham in said county, to wit, on part of the northern half of

said house and three quarters of an acre of land adjoining: said land being bounded easterly by a highway, westerly and northerly by land the same day taken in execution at the suit of Thomas Walker, and southerly by the other half of said house and land taken the same day in execution at the suit of David Beekman and Abraham Lynsen, *viz:* such part of the same as was of the value of £61 18 0, the whole being apprized at £120 8 0, lawful money; and that said Blake made and endorsed his return of said levy and the apprizement of said land on said execution, in due form of law, and that said Blake afterwards lost said execution, or that the same was casually lost out of the office of the clerk for said Hartford county, without the default of the said James, whereby the title of said James to said house and land is in danger of being defeated, as per petition on file, dated the 21st of September, A.D. 1772; and said Stilman now appearing by his attorney and confessing the facts stated in said petition to be true: Resolved by this Assembly, that said James Jauncey may and shall have and hold that part of said house on which said execution was levied and said land above described to him and his heirs, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as though said Blake's said return of said execution, levy and apprizement had been duly made to the office of the clerk of the county court for said Hartford county and there recorded; and that this decree or a transcript thereof in all future tryals at law shall be admitted and received as full evidence of said James' title to said part of said house and said land against said George Stilman and all claiming from, by or under him.

Upon the petition of Josiah Phelps against John Lewiss: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of said petition be continued to the General Assembly to be held in May next; and the judgment and execution complained of in said petition and all proceedings thereon are hereby ordered to be suspended until the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Silas Dean against Joseph Forbs, John Lawrence, Roger Newberry, Esq[rs], and Capt. George Pitkin are hereby reappointed a committee to make their report on said petition to the General Assembly in May next; and said petition is hereby continued to the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of John Hills &c., praying for an act of insolvency, Benjamin Payne and Roger Newberry, Esq[rs], and Capt. Hugh Ledlie are hereby reappointed a committee to

hear and report to the General Assembly in May next; and said Hills is hereby protected from all arrests and imprisonment for debt until the rising of the Assembly in May next.

[164] Upon the petition of Thomas Barbur the third &c., against Rachel Dowe &c.: Resolved, that the execution against the petitioners mentioned in said petition be and the same is hereby suspended to the rising of the Assembly in May next; and said petition is continued to the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Ezekiel Pierce against Samuel Stewart, Colo. Jabez Fitch, Colo. William Williams and Elisha Payne, Esq^{rs}, are hereby reappointed a committee to enquire about the receipt of twenty-nine pounds one shilling taken for paid by the petitioner to William Robertson on said execution in said petition mentioned, and about said receipts being lost and any mistake in not allowing the same made by said arbitrators in said petition mentioned, and everything and matter relative thereto, that justice may be done, and make report to the General Assembly in May next with their opinion thereon: provided the petitioner procure sufficient bonds to said committee to respond the cost to the petitionee, in case he fails to recover on said petition.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Hartford against the Colony Treasurer: Resolved, that said memorial be continued to the Assembly in May next, and execution against said selectmen be stayed until the rising of the Assembly in May next.

Upon the citation of John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Treasurer of this Colony, against the selectmen of the town of Stonington, shewing that there is a balance of one hundred and ninety-three pounds one shilling and four pence half-penny, lawful money, principal, and the interest thereof from the first day of September, *A. Dom.* 1767, due to said Treasurer on the penny half-penny rate laid by this Colony on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of the town of Stonington in the year A.D. 1757, of which rate Silvester Baldwin was collector, and that said collector having no estate was imprisoned for said balance and broke and escaped from goal &c.; citing said selectmen to shew reason, if any they have, why execution should not be granted against them for said balance and interest, as per citation on file; and said selectmen having been heard on said citation &c.: It is resolved and ordered, that the Treasurer of this Colony be directed and he is hereby directed and ordered, to issue execution against the selectmen of said Stonington in due form of law, for the

aforesaid balance and the interest thereof from said first day of September, *Anno Dom.* 1767.

Upon the citation of John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Treasurer of this Colony, against John Watrous, Esq^{r}, one of the principal inhabitants of the town of Colchester, and the rest of the inhabitants of said Colchester, shewing that there is a balance of two hundred and sixty-five pounds thirteen shillings and one farthing, principal, due to said Treasurer, and the interest thereof from the first day of September, 1767, on the Colony rate of the year 1762, from said town of Colchester, of which rate John Hopson was collector, who is become insolvent, and that execution has been granted against the selectmen of said Colchester, and the same is returned *non est inventus*, whereby said balance and interest remains unpaid, citing said inhabitants of said Colchester to shew reason why execution should not be issued against them &c. for said balance &c., as per citation on file; and said town having been heard thereon, their reasons &c.: It is resolved, that the Colony Treasurer be directed and he is hereby ordered and directed, to issue execution against said town of Colchester in due form of law for the sum of £265 13*s.* 0¼*d.*, lawful money, the principal due on said rate, to be levied of the estate, monies &c. of the inhabitants of said town of Colchester.

Upon the petition of Elisha Royce, of Wallingford in New Haven county, against Adam Babcock, of New Haven in said county &c., shewing to this Assembly that he now stands indebted to divers persons in considerable sums of money, which he is at present unable fully to pay; praying for relief in the premises: Messrs. Daniel Lyman, Thomas Howell and [165] David Austin are hereby ‖ appointed a committee, to look into and hear all matters mentioned and referred to in said petition, and their report of what they find in the premises to make to this Assembly at their sessions in May next; and the body and estate of the said Royce is hereby protected and freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due and owing from him, the said Royce, to any creditor or creditors parties to this petition, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Hezekiah Belding of Norwalk, preferred to this Assembly in October, 1770, against Messrs. William Bayard and company, Charles McEvers, Samuel Bayard jun^{r}, Perry, Hays and Sherbrook, all of New York, representing that certain large payments were by said Beld-

ing heretofore made to and hitherto unapplied by the petitionees to the payment of his debts due from him to the petitionees, and that the evidence thereof was in the hands of the petitionees &c.; praying for an application thereof and a discharge from their demands; upon which petition this Assembly at their sessions in October, 1771, appointed Messrs. Richard Alsop, David Baldwin and Jonathan Sturges a committee, to hear, examine and report according to law, who having appointed time and place &c. met for the dispatch of said business: the petitionees by their attorney appeared and declared they were not prepared to shew their debts against the petitioner: whereupon it was agreed by the petitioner and the petitionees, that said cause should be continued &c., and that the petitionees should at their own proper cost and expence notify the petitioner &c.; whereupon this Assembly at their session in May, 1772, did reappoint said committee and decree and order that the petitionees should at their own cost and expence call together said committee and notify the petitioner thereof by the first of September, 1772, on pain of forfeiting the sums due to them respectively from the petitioner, and he be forever discharged therefrom; and said petitioners having neglected to call said committee together or in any manner to comport with said act of Assembly, having been served with a copy of said resolve before the last day of June, 1772: It is thereupon resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the petitioner be and he is hereby discharged of and from all demands, debts and dues, which the petitionees have or claim to have against him, the petitioner, and that this act may be given in evidence by petitioner in any suit at law commenced by the petitionees for their said demands against the petitioner, and shall be allowed as a full discharge and satisfaction thereof.

Upon the petition of Ralph and Eleazer Pomeroy now preferred to this Assembly, against Pantry Jones and Peletiah Pierce, shewing that a judgment is recovered against the said Eleazer at the county court in June last by default, which stands continued to the county court at Hartford in Nov. next, and another action is now depending in said November court, both against the said Eleazer on two notes of hand given to Abigail Kilborn, for the payment of which the petitioners estate was taken by said Jones and Pierce more than sufficient to pay the same, which they have sold and disposed of by the consent of the said Abigail, and they will not apply the same, and an action is brought against them

for the same, which is also now depending; and as the merits of said petition cannot be heard at this time &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be and the same is hereby continued to the General Assembly in May next, and that in the mean time all the proceedings upon the aforesaid judgment and note given by the said Eleazer as aforesaid be stayed and suspended, except the stay of proceedings on one of said notes, *viz:* the note on which judgment by default hath already been given.

Upon the petition of Samuel Stone Butler of Harwington, against Andrew Adams of Litchfield &c., representing that by reason of sickness and other misfortunes he is unable to pay off all his just debts in full; praying for an act of insolvency &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of this petition be continued to the General Assembly at their sessions at Hartford in May next, and that the body and estate of the said Butler be and the same is hereby protected from any arrests or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt by him now due and owing, until the rising of said Assembly in May next; and that Abijah Catlin, Epaphras Sheldon, Esq[rs], and Mr. Ashbel Skinner be and they are hereby appointed a committee to hear and examine the matters alledged in said petition, and make report thereon according to law.

[166] Upon the memorial of Thomas Gold, of Reading in the county of Fairfield, representing to this Assembly that the selectmen of said Reading on the 20th day of September, 1771, did appoint Daniel Sanford of said Reading to be overseer of the memorialist, upon the act of this Colony entituled An act for relieving and ordering of idiots, impotent, distracted and idle persons, as being guilty of mismanagement and bad husbandry, and representing that he was not guilty of mismanagement &c. within the meaning and intent of said act, as he hath been industrious and prudent in the conducting of his business and affairs, and what of his estate he hath expended has been in charitable deeds, according to the dictates of his conscience; and it appearing that since the preferring of this petition the said selectmen have on the 17th day of September, A.D. 1772, taken the estate of the memorialist into their care on said act &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist hath not behaved and conducted himself in such manner as to be deemed guilty of idleness, mismanagement or bad husbandry, within the intent and meaning of said act: And thereupon it is resolved and decreed by this Assembly, that said doings of said selectmen

be and they hereby are nullified and declared to be void and of none effect.

Upon the petition of Reynold Marvin, of Litchfield in Litchfield county, Esq^{r}, against Isaac Baldwin of said Litchfield, Esq^{r}, &c., shewing to this Assembly that he is indebted to divers persons in considerable sums of money which he is at present unable fully to pay; praying for relief in the premises: Oliver Wolcott, Increase Mosely and Daniel Sherman, Esq^{rs}, are hereby appointed a committee to look into and hear all the matters mentioned and referred to in said petition, and their report of what they find in the premises to make to this Assembly at their sessions in May next; and the body and estate of the said Marvin is hereby protected and freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due and owing from him, the said Marvin, to any creditor or creditors, parties to this petition, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Ebenezer Keeney and Judson Burton, both of Derby in the county of New Haven, late merchants in company, otherwise called Burton & Keeney, merchants in company, against Joseph Jackson &c.: Joseph Hull, Charles French, Esq^{rs}, and Capt. John Wooster, all of Derby aforesaid, are appointed a committee to hear the matters contained in said petition and relative thereto, and to make report of what they find with their opinion thereon to the Assembly in May next; and that in the mean time the said Keeney and Burton, and each of them, be and they are hereby protected from all and any arrest or imprisonment at the suit of any of the said creditors or creditors of the said company.

Whereas upon the petition of Izrahiah Wetmore, of Stratford in Fairfield county, clerk, guardian to Jabez Huntington Tomlinson of said Stratford, a minor, representing that certain lands and buildings in Derby in New Haven county were some time since made over and conveyed to Judson Burton of Stratford and Gideon Tomlinson of Stratford, father of said Jabez Huntington, by Ebenezer Keeney and Judson Burton of said Derby, defeasible on the said Judson Burton and Gideon Tomlinson being indemnifyed against a certain bond entered into by them in behalf of said Keeney and Burton to Thomas Hill, late sheriff of Fairfield county, which has not been done &c.; praying for liberty to sell said lands &c.; John Brooks, Isaiah Brown and John Chandler were in May last appointed a committee to examine &c. according to law, and said committee have reported the facts stated in said petition, which report is accepted so far as relates to the said

Jabez Huntington Tomlinson's part of said land &c., as per petition and report on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner be and he is hereby impowered and fully authorized, to sell and convey the said Jabez Huntington Tomlinson's part and moiety of the said mortgaged lands and buildings in said report mentioned; and that unless the said Ebenezer Keeney and Judson Burton shall pay said debt to the executors of the said Thomas Hill within three months after the rising of this Assembly, they shall be and are hereby foreclosed of any equity of redemption in the said mortgaged premises.

Whereas upon the petition of Abijah Beach, of Stratford in Fairfield county, preferred to this Assembly in their session at Hartford in May last, representing that by reason of [167] many misfortunes in years past, which || he has sustained in the course of his trade as a merchant, he is now from prosperous circumstances so reduced that he is unable to pay all his debts &c.; praying that his creditors may be compelled to compound with him &c., as per petition on file, Theophilus Nichols and John Brooks, Esq^{rs}, and Joseph Clark were then appointed a committee to enquire into the matters complained of in said petition and their report to make to this Assembly with their opinion thereon; and whereas said committee have now reported that, having duly notified said Beach and his creditors to appear before them, the said Beach appeared and some few of his creditors to prove their debts only, but no one appeared to oppose his petition, and that they find that said Beach was brought up in trade and that he entered early into that business with a handsome fortune at first, but that said Beach is now reduced and unable to pay his debts, and that he is indebted to divers persons in the report mentioned in the sum of £1987 0*s.* 11*d.*, lawful money, and that all the estate he now has left consists of his credits due to him on note and book, amounting to the sum of £1218 11 10, like money, and that some time in the summer-season of the year 1767, he was crowded by his creditors for their money and then shut himself up to avoid the arrests of his creditors, and immediately acquainted them with his situation and offered them all his estate if they would take it and discharge him, or desired them to give him a letter of licence that he might settle his affairs, and that they gave him a letter of licence in March, 1768, for two years from that time with the strongest covenants not to molest him in the law, and that he thereupon went about his business as usual, and that one of his creditors who had signed that let-

ter of licence soon after sued him, and that said Beach was thereby again intimidated and shut himself up again to avoid being arrested and has been ever since confined to his own house until the sitting of this Assembly in May last, and during that time that he made several attempts to settle with his creditors by giving up all his estate if they would accept of it and discharge him, which they refused, and that during all that time he was obliged to support himself and his family out of what he had in his hands without being able to do any business, and that by that means and by losses at sea and other casualties incident to trade he is now become insolvent, and that during his confinement the residue of his personal estate was taken by execution and otherwise fairly disposed of toward payment of his debts; and that a number of his creditors to the amount of £1241 3 3, by writings under their hands have manifested their willingness that the prayer of his petition should be granted, and that no one appeared to oppose it; and thereupon said committee give it as their opinion, that upon his delivering up all his estate to be disposed of for the benefit of his creditors that said Beach ought to be discharged from all the debts now due from him &c., as per report on file, which report is now accepted, there being no opposition made thereto by any of his creditors: It is thereupon resolved and by this Assembly enacted, that Theophilus Nichols, John Brooks, Esq^{rs}, and Doct. Joseph Clark, all of Stratford, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power and authority to receive from said Abijah Beach a conveyance of all his estate and effects of what nature soever, for the use and benefit of his creditors; and upon said Beach's delivering and conveying to said trustees all his estate and effects with all his papers and accounts relating to any debts due to him, for the aforesaid use, they are hereby impowered and directed to proceed with and dispose of said estate and effects in the same manner as trustees appointed by force of a late law of this Colony passed in the General Assembly holden at Hartford in May, 1765, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors, were enabled and directed to proceed with and dispose of the estates of insolvent debtors; and that the said Beach be and he is hereby entituled to all the benefits, privileges and freedom from arrests which insolvent debtors conforming to said act were entituled to; and that this resolve and act shall be a suffi-

cient warrant to any officer to discharge him from any arrest on account of any such debt or debts.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Fish and sundry other subscribers, inhabitants of the first society of Stonington, *vs.* the inhabitants of said society, complaining that said society had passed several votes subversive of the true intent and meaning of an agreement entered into by the two societies now united and of which the present first society is composed, and which said agreement and union was established by this Assembly in May, 1765, and thereupon praying for the interposition of this Assembly, as per their memorial more at large appears: This Assembly, having heard the parties and being of opinion that the said agreement of union estab [168] lished as aforesaid ought to be ‖ by the said society well and truly observed, recommend to said society by all means to endeavour to maintain peace and union among themselves by a conformity thereto; and for their assistance and encouragement therein, this Assembly appoints William Hillhouse, Robert Creary and Samuel Stewart, Esq[rs], a committee to repair to said first society and endeavour by their advice, assistance and council, to reconcile the parties, compromise the difficulties subsisting among them, and further ascertain the method of their future conduct; and in case they shall not be able to accomplish so desirable a purpose, they are directed to enquire into all the circumstances relative to said difficulties and make report of all such matters as may be material for a determination on said memorial, and make report thereof with their opinion thereon to this Assembly in May next.

General Assembly, May, 1772. Upon the petition of Sylvanus Bishop, praying for an act of insolvency &c., Messrs. Samuel Bishop jun[r], Esq[r], Nathan Beers and Stephen Mansfield are appointed a committee to hear and report according to law to this Assembly in October next; and the said Bishop is liberated from his imprisonment and all arrests in the meantime.

Pass'd in the Lower House, *test.* Wm. Williams, Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House, *test.* George Wyllys, Secr'y

General Assembly, October, 1772. In the Lower House, Messrs. Samuel Bishop jun[r], Esq[r], Nathan Beers and Stephen Mansfield are reappointed a committee on the within described petition, and the same protection is hereby granted to the petitioner as mentioned within, and to report in May next.

Test. Wm. Williams, Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House, *test.* George Wyllys, Secr'y.

Upon the petition of Eleazer Huntington, of Mansfield in Windham county, conservator of the person and estate of Jonathan Curtiss of said Mansfield, against Samuel Curtiss, Mary Curtiss and Eunice Curtiss of said town, preferred to the General Assembly held at Hartford in May last, representing that said Jonathan and Samuel had combined together to conceal the estate of said Jonathan in the hands of said Samuel, in order to prevent the wife of said Jonathan from having her support out [of] the estate of said Jonathan; and that in consequence thereof said Mary and Eunice, daughters of said Jonathan, had been obliged to support their said mother at their own expence and cost for several years &c., as per said petition on file appears; on which petition said Assembly appointed Hezekiah Manning, Jacob Simons and Samuel Craft, Esq[rs], to hear said parties thereon and their report make of what they should find touching the matters in said petition alledged &c.; which committee having heard said parties on said petition have reported to this Assembly, that the said Samuel did in their presence deliver to said conservator the estate said to be concealed in his hands, and that said conservator and said Samuel executed discharges to each other relative thereto; and said committee further find that said Mary and Eunice have necessarily expended of their own estate for the support of their said mother the sum of twenty pounds, lawful money, more than they have received, which sum is now justly due to them, and which said committee are of opinion ought to be paid to them out of the estate of said Jonathan by said conservator, as by said report on file appears, which report is by this Assembly accepted and approved: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mary and Eunice shall have and recover of the estate of said Jonathan, for supporting their said mother as aforesaid, said sum of twenty pounds, lawful money, and said conservator is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly out of the estate of said Jonathan in his hands, if he have sufficient estate of said Jonathan to pay the same.

Upon the petition of Abraham Fowler &c., selectmen of Guilford, against Timothy Fowler, representing to this Assembly that the superior court holden at New Haven on the third Tuesday of December, 1771, had manifestly err'd in rendering judgment against the petitioners and in favour of the said Timothy, per petition on file, dated 31st of December, 1771: Resolved by said Assembly, that the superior court in proceeding to and rendering the judgment complained of

in said petition had manifestly erred and mistook the law; and the said judgment is hereby reversed and set aside.

[169] Upon the petition of Tabor Tooker of Saybrook against Sarah Shaw, widow of George Shaw late of Saybrook deceas'd, George Shaw, James Shaw, Betsy Shaw, Martha Shaw and Patience Shaw, children and heirs of said George deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that on the fifth of April, 1760, he purchased of said deceased about one acre of land lying in said Saybrook, and he then paid the sum of £17 0 0, the purchase monies agreed on; that said George then executed a deed thereof to the petitioner describing said lands to be bounded south on the cove, east on the great river, north and west on the petitioner's other lands; and that said George died without having acknowledged said deed; praying that said deed may be recorded and given in evidence of his title &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the town-clerk of said town of Saybrook be and he is hereby enabled and directed, to record said deed; and the same being recorded shall be admitted in evidence in any tryal at law and shall be as effectual for securing the title of said land to the petitioner as though the same had been acknowledged by the grantor.

Upon the petition of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, of New London in said Colony, preferred to the General Assembly held at Hartford in May last and continued to this time, representing that through losses and misfortunes he is unable to pay his just debts, and praying that upon his surrendering all his estate to trustees for the use of his creditors he may be secured and protected from arrests and imprisonment on account of any debts heretofore contracted, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Ebenezer Williams of Pomfret, David Burr, Esq^{r}, of Fairfield, and John Brooks, Esq^{r}, of Stratford, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, with full power to call the said Gurdon Saltonstall and all his creditors before them and to examine into the matters in said petition alledged and every matter and thing thereto having relation, and to make report of the facts they shall find according to law to this or the next General Assembly, to be holden at Hartford in May next; and that in the meantime the person and estate of the said Gurdon shall be secured and protected, and is hereby secured and protected from any arrest, imprisonment, attachment or seizure, for and on account of any debt or duty heretofore contracted and arisen, until the rising of the General Assembly in May next; and that all suits and actions at law on such debts

already commenced or that hereafter shall be commenced in the mean time be stayed.

On the memorial of John Gilbert of Midletown, administrator on the estate of Eleazer Gilbert late of Midletown deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate, together with some allowance of necessaries for the widow, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £23 18 4½, lawful money, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £23 18 4½, lawful money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Midletown therein.

On the memorial of Daniel Hall 3d, administrator on the estate of Timothy Hall late of Durham dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd, together with some allowance made to the widow and relict of necessary household goods made and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £64 4 2, L. money, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be impowered, and he is hereby fully authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £64 4 2, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Lord junr, of Norwich, preferred to this Assembly in May last, therein representing that her late husband, Doct. Elisha Lord of said Norwich, died intestate on the 20th day of March, 1768, leaving the memorialist a widow with five small children; that said deceas'd by means of losses and misfortunes in trade and navigation was greatly insolvent, and owed at the time of his death about two thousand pounds, and left no estate saving [170] some small || debts due to him, to the amount of one hundred pounds; that none of the creditors to said deceas'd hath ever appeared or probably ever will, to administer on said estate, and all of them which the memorialist had been able to apply to had manifested a willingness that the memorialist should have the benefit of what might or could be collected for the use of herself and children &c.; praying that

she, the said memorialist, might have liberty to take letters of administration on said estate so far forth as to impower her to collect what of said debts might be collected without being liable to the suit of any of the said creditors, and render her account to the judge of probate for the district of Norwich &c., as per memorial on file: said Assembly at their session in May last ordered and enacted that said memorialist should give notice to all creditors to said deceas'd by advertising in one or more of the publick newspapers of this Colony for the space of six weeks successively, to appear and take administration on the estate of said deceas'd if they see cause, or to appear at this Assembly and shew reason why the prayer of said memorial should not be granted: and it appearing to this Assembly that the memorialist hath given due notice to said creditors by advertisement agreeable to said act of Assembly, and none of said creditors have appeared either to take administration on said estate or make any objections why the prayer of said memorial should not be granted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Elizabeth Lord junr have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted unto her, to take letters of administration on the estate of her deceas'd husband, the said Elisha Lord, without giving bond in the usual form, so far forth as to collect together and recover the estate and debts due and belonging to said deceas'd at the time of his death, and render an account thereof to the judge of probate for the district of Norwich when thereto required. And the said judge of probate is hereby directed and impowered to grant unto the memorialist letters of administration in manner aforesaid. And it is further resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist shall not be liable to any suit or action at law in favour of any of the creditors to said deceas'd or subjected thereto by reason or on account of her administring upon said estate in manner above directed.

Upon the memorial of Asahel Phelps of Hebron, collector of Colony tax for the year 1761, shewing to this Assembly that he not having paid said tax to the Treasurer in due time execution issued in due form of law for the then supposed balance, which execution was after paid and satisfied, but it so happened through mistake that execution issued for a less sum than the real balance, so that there is a considerable balance still due on said rate &c.; praying for time of payment for said balance &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby given him, to lodge with the Treasurer of the

Colony proper obligation with sufficient surety for the sum of the remaining balance with the interest thereof within twelve months from the rising of this Assembly: said security to be lodged by the first of January next; which security said Treasurer is hereby directed to receive, and thereupon to discharge the memorialist from said tax.

Whereas promoting and encouraging literature and useful arts in the collegiate school in this Colony is of the greatest publick importance, and for that end tis become necessary to establish such durable supports as shall best answer the great purposes of founding said school, and to grant them such powers as shall best answer the ends designed: Therefore, Colo. Jabez Hamblin, Mr. James Hillhouse, Maj^{r} Samuel Holden Parsons, Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, Colo. Jabez Fitch and Colo. John Williams are appointed to join with such gentlemen as the Upper House shall appoint, to take into consideration the state of education and learning in said school, the government, laws and constitution of the same, to look into the several donations at any time made for the support of said school, the revenues arising therefrom, and the state in which they now are, and to consider and devise the most effectual measures to render the institution most extensively useful and the support thereof permanent and lasting, and to confer with the president and fellows of said college concerning the same, and to make report to this or some future Assembly.

Pass'd in the Lower House, *test.* Wm. Williams, Clerk.

In the Upper House: Concurred, and the Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, Roger Sherman and Abraham Davenport, Esq^{rs}, are desired and appointed to join the gentlemen appointed by the Lower House in the affair above mentioned.

Test. George Wyllys, Secret'y.

[171] Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Colchester, shewing to this Assembly that the Colony Treasurer has been ordered to issue out an execution against the inhabitants of said town for the sum of £414 19*s.* 4½*d.* lawful money, being for the balance due to said Treasurer from the inhabitants of said town of the publick tax of the year 1761, with the interest thereof from the first day of September A. D. 1767; praying that they might be excused from the payment of said interest, and that said Treasurer might be directed to omit said interest and not send out execution for the same; which memorial being granted: It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be excused

from the payment of said interest, and that said Treasurer be and he hereby is ordered and directed to omit and leave the same out of said execution and not to send any execution for said interest as aforesaid.

[171 Upon the memorial of Samuel Talcott, Esq^{r}, preferred to this Assembly in May last, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialist in October, 1749, borrowed of this Colony four hundred pounds sterling of the monies granted to this Colony to reimburse the expence incurred by this government in the expedition against Cape Breton in the year 1745, and received a bill of exchange for said sum drawn by the Governor of this Colony on the agent in London, and gave his security for said sum to the Governor and Company upon interest from the date of said bond; that he applied for the payment of said bill but was delayed the payment thereof until some time in June following, by means that said monies due to the Colony as aforesaid were not paid into the hands of said agent; and praying an allowance to be made him for said delay, and that the same might be credited on his said bond to said Colony; Major Erastus Wolcott and Capt. Jonathan Wells were appointed a committee to enquire into the matters alledged and set forth in said memorial and to make report &c.; and said committee having now reported that the payment of said £400 was delayed beyond the usual time observed by merchants three months and twenty days, that the interest arising thereon during said time amounts to the sum of £7 6 8, sterling, and that said sum ought to have been credited on the memorialist's bond on the fourth day of June, 1750; which said report being by this Assembly accepted: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Talcott, Esq^{r}, be allowed the sum of seven pounds six shillings and eight pence sterling to be credited on his said bond on the fourth day of June, 1750; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to allow the same on the memorialist's said bond accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Martin, of Ashford in Windham county, clerk, representing that through misfortunes he is unable to pay his just debts, praying for a committee &c., which memorial comes to this Assembly by continuance from the Assembly held in May last, in order to give said Martin opportunity, to cite in his creditors; and the said Martin having cited his creditors to appear if they see cause before this Assembly and shew reason why the prayer of said memorial should not be granted, and none of

said creditors appearing to object: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. Edmund Freeman, Constant Southworth and Elijah Fenton be a committee to enquire into the matters of said petition and their report to make of what they shall find with their opinion thereon to this or the next General Assembly; and that the memorialist be and he is hereby exempted in person and estate from all and every arrest, attachment and imprisonment by any of his said creditors, until the rising of the General Assembly to be held in May next.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of that part of the first society of East Windsor called Wapping, shewing to this Assembly by their agent Thomas Sad, that they live at a medium about four miles and an half from the meeting-house in said first society, and that in October, 1761, they had liberty to have preaching amongst them five months in each year; praying for liberty to have preaching amongst them eight months in each year, and to be exempted from paying taxes for the support of the ministry &c. in said first society &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialists, to procure and have preaching amongst them for eight months in each year; and they are hereby impowered to tax themselves to raise money to pay for preaching said term, as other ecclesiastical societies by law are enabled to do; and the memorialists are hereby exempted from paying taxes to said first society for building of meeting-houses or supporting of the ministry. [172] And the memorialists are prohibited to ‖ vote in any society meeting in said first society in any matters relating to the meeting-house or ministry. Provided the memorialists do procure and maintain preaching among them the term aforesaid annually, according to the true intent of this act.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Seymour of Hartford, shewing that he had a bill of abatement of sundry rates amounting to the sum of £15 7 5, and that the same was lost in the hands of the Auditors; that a committee was appointed in May last and have not yet been able to make report thereon &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, Esq^{rs}, and Capt. Russel Woodbridge be and they are hereby reappointed a committee to examine and make report of the matters alledged to the General Assembly in May next, to which time the said memorial is hereby also continued.

Upon the memorial of Sylvanus Griswold of Windsor, shewing that he assisted in apprehending and bringing to justice one Abram Curtiss for counterfeiting coins &c.; praying for some reward therefor &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that he shall receive out of the publick treasury of this Colony the sum of thirty-three shillings and four pence, lawful money, as a reward for his said service; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same to him accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Mathew Mallet and others, inhabitants of the northwesterly part of the township of Stratford, representing that the memorialists belong to three different military companies, and are at a great distance from their respective places of parade, and that they live in one compact body and are sufficient in number to be formed into a distinct captain's military company by themselves within the limits hereafter mentioned, *viz:* beginning at the southeasterly corner bounds of the township of Redding and running from thence to the southerly end of Long Meadow, so called, and from thence to run with the brook that runs out of said meadow to Rimmon saw-mill, so called, and from thence to run to and include the dwelling-house of John Mallet jun^{r}, and from thence a straight line to the mouth of Jacobs Brook, so called, where it empties into Pequanock River, and from thence northerly with the eastermost branch of said river until it crosses the publick road from North Stratford to Newtown, and from thence with said road until it comes to the line dividing between said Stratford and Newtown, including all the inhabitants living on said road, and from thence westerly in said towns line to the northwest corner of Stratford, and from thence southeasterly to Redding southeast corner; praying that all the inhabitants living within said lines and limits may be formed into a distinct military company by themselves &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that there shall be a military company formed within the lines and limits aforesaid, and the inhabitants living within said line and limits are hereby erected, formed and established into a distinct military company by themselves, with all the powers and privileges that by law belong to the other military companies in this Colony; and the colonel of the fourth regiment of militia is hereby ordered and directed to cause said new erected company to be warned to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint, and them lead to the choice of a captain, lieutenant and ensign of said company,

and make return of his doings therein to this or the next General Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Gifford of Norwich, executor to the last will and testament of Stephen Gifford late of said Norwich deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £245 8 11, lawful money, and no provision is made in and by the will of said deceas'd for the payment thereof out of the real estate of said deceas'd; praying that some meet person might be authorized and impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as should be sufficient to pay the aforesaid sum with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Gifford, the memorialist, have liberty, and full power and authority is hereby granted unto him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £245 8 11 with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

[173] Upon the memorial of Ralph Keeler, of New Milford in Litchfield county, praying for liberty to keep a ferry at the place called Keeler's Ferry over Housatonnek River &c., as by the memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to him, to keep a ferry at said place, he finding necessary roads to said ferry-place through his own land; and the fare for ferriage shall be three pence half-penny for man and horse, two pence for a footman, one penny half-penny for every single horse or neat kine, and one half-penny for every swine or sheep.

Upon the memorial of Caleb Hall, Esq^{r}, of Wallingford in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that one Enoch Paddock of Norwalk brought his action by writ of attachment against Elijah Negus of Branford to Fairfield county court Jan. 1754, demanding £3 0 0, and that the memorialist as sheriff's deputy served said writ on said Negus and took bail for his appearance, and in January, 1756, said Paddock recovered judgment against said Negus on default for £3 0 0, debt, and £4 4 2, cost, both lawful money, on which judgment execution issued and the same returned *non est inventus* in due form, and that said Paddock brought his action against Samuel Mansfield, Esq^{r}, then sheriff of New Haven County, on account of said memorialist not securing the body of said Negus so that execution might be

levied on him, and that the memorialist thereupon paid said Paddock's attorney the sums of said judgment, and that the memorialist in order to repay himself procured an *alias* execution, dated July 2d, 1757, and caused the same to be levied on a piece of land belonging to said Negus in Farmington as described in said memorial; praying that he may have a good title in said land and be quieted in the same, as per memorial on file, dated October 9th, 1771; on which memorial Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, and Messrs. Stephen Ball and Oliver Stanly were appointed a committee to enquire into the matters of said memorial and report make &c., who accordingly made their report to this Assembly, finding the facts as stated in said memorial, as per report on file, dated October 7th, 1772, which report is accepted: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have good title to said land, which is bounded as follows, west on highway, north on the right of Thomas Newell, south on said Negus' land, beginning at the northwest corner and runs south sixteen rods, and then east, to include fourteen acres and sixty-four rods, and that said memorialist be quieted in the possession of said land in as full and ample a manner as if said execution had been levied in his own name, and that this decree be sufficient evidence of his title.

On the memorial of Benajah Douglass, administrator on the estate of Benajah Douglas late of Canaan deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd as allowed by the court of probate in and for the district of Sharon surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £577 5 6, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £577 5 6, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Humphry of Symsbury, representing to this Assembly that he was possessed of benefit tickets in the government lottery amounting to £4 10 0, after deductions, which he delivered to Mr. Richard Edwards, one of the managers, and has had no allowance therefor in his account with said Edwards, nor has said Edwards' account with the Colony been credited therefor; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that

said Edwards' account with the Colony be credited the said sum of £4 10 0, and thereupon the memorialist shall be allowed said sum in settlement with said Edwards' executors.

On the memorial of William Williams of Lebanon, representing that one Jonathan Avery of Norwich was on information and in due course of law convened before him as a justice of peace for Windham county, on the 11th [174] of July last, to be || examined touching his, said Avery's, knowingly uttering and putting off base and counterfeit coin: but before said examination could be got through said Avery escaped and fled and cannot be found or taken since, and that the necessary cost arisen in prosecuting him, said Avery, amounted to the sum of £2 18 4, lawful money; praying to have the same allowed and paid out of the Colony treasury: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay unto the said William Williams, Esq^{r}, the sum of £2 18 4, to be by him improved to pay the costs necessarily incurred in the premises.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Haven, representing to said Assembly that Dan Mansfield had been taken under their care for idleness, mismanagement and bad husbandry, according to the statute in that case provided, and also that the whole of said Dan's moveable estate, over and above the necessaries for his and family's support and his necessary tools, amounts only to £14 10*s.* 0*d.*, which is surmounted by his debts already brought in the sum of £110 1*s.* 3*d.*, the amount of the debts aforesaid being £124 11 3; praying that some meet person might be enabled to sell as much of said Dan's real estate as may be sufficient for the raising said sum of £110 1 3, lawful money, with the necessary charges attending the same, per memorial on file, dated 10th of October, 1772: Resolved by said Assembly, that Mr. Stephen Ball and Joshua Chandler, Esq^{r}, both of said New Haven, be and they are hereby appointed and impowered, to make sale of as much of said Dan's real estate as may be sufficient to raise said sum of £110 1 3, and charges thereof, in such manner as may least prejudice the residue of said Dan's estate, and to give a deed or deeds thereof which shall be good and authentick in law.

Upon the memorial of Zecheriah Marvin of Lyme, preferred to this Assembly in May last, shewing that he owns the lands adjoining to a brook leading to a pond in said Lyme, called Black Hall Pond; that about twenty years past

he began a fishery in said brook and used the same for many years unmolested; that since that time many persons by seines, weirs &c. have obstructed the passage of fish up said creek; praying for relief &c.; on which a committee were appointed and have reported, which report is accepted, as on file: And thereupon it is resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to carry on the fishery in said brook on his own land from Monday morning until sun-rising on Friday morning every week, and that John Robbins have liberty to fish on his own land from Wednesday morning until Thursday morning each week, and that Mathew Marvin have liberty to fish on his own land from Thursday morning until sun-rising on Friday morning every week, and that no other persons shall carry on the fishery in said brook nor erect, make or set up any obstructions in said brook to the natural course of the fish in and up the same other than in manner aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Bidwell, Benjamin Mills, Philander Wilcox, William Pain, George Merrill and Jonathan Merrels 2d, inhabitants on the east tier of lots in New Hartford lying east of the river, shewing that in May, 1762, the inhabitants on said tier of lots were annexed to the west ecclesiastical society in Symsbury, and that by meer mistake the bill in form annexed them to said society for all society purposes; praying that they may be again set back to said New Hartford for all school purposes &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists, and all those who shall become inhabitants on said lands annexed to the west society of Symsbury as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby annexed to the first ecclesiastical society in said New Hartford and become intituled to all the priviledges and subject to all the duties therein, so far as regards keeping up and maintaining schools therein.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Chapman, administrator on the estate of Richard Lord late of Saybrook deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from said estate amount to £28 1 1, and that he left no personal estate; praying liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, [175] that the ‖ memorialist have liberty and he is impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £28 1 1 and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esq^r, and William Ledyard, executors of the last will of John Ledyard,

Esq^{r}, deceas'd, shewing that the said John Ledyard undertook and went a journey to New York to purchase bills of exchange for the use of this Colony, and exchanged the bills of this Colony and obtained the same and forwarded said bills of exchange to England, for which, and trouble, expences and risque therein he has never been allowed; praying for relief &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Erastus Wolcott and James Wadsworth, Esq^{rs}, are and they are hereby appointed a committee to hear, adjust said account referred to in said memorial, and inquire of everything relating thereto, and report the same with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Payne, administrator on the estate of Dositheus Humphry late of Hartford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Humphry was collector of the Colony tax in said town of Hartford in the year 1756 and 1759, on whose rate-bill there appear to be due sundry rates; that the original warrants issued by the Treasurer to said deceas'd collector are lost or worn to pieces, by means whereof the memorialist hath no power or authority to enforce the collection of said uncollected rates, and praying for relief &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be directed, and he is hereby ordered and directed, to issue his warrant or warrants authorizing and impowering the memorialist to collect all such uncollected rates which are due on the rate-bills of said deceas'd collector, as fully and amply as collectors of Colony taxes in this Colony by law are.

Upon the memorial of Robert Jemison, setting forth that he is now confined in Windham county goal at the suit of the Colony of Connecticut; praying this Assembly to appoint a committee to repair to him at said goal and take his matters into consideration and settle the same in an equitable way, and he is freed from his said imprisonment, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Shubael Conant, William Williams and Samuel Gray, Esq^{rs}, be appointed a committee to enquire into the whole matters prayed for in said memorial, and to make their report thereof with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next.

Upon the memorial of Seth Wetmore, Esq^{r}, of Midletown, administrator of the goods and estate of Stephen Blake late of said Midletown deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Stephen was collector of the country rate for said Midle-

town of six-pence on the pound granted by the General Assembly on the list of 1762, with the additions in May, 1763, and that said Blake lost the Treasurer's warrant enabling him to collect said tax, and praying that a warrant may issue to enable him to finish the collection of said tax, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony may and shall issue his warrant to said Wetmore in due form of law, requiring and enabling him to go on and compleat the collection of said tax.

Upon the memorial of Bryant Pamely, administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Doan late of Chatham deceas'd, shewing that said deceas'd gave his note to the Treasurer of this Colony for the duties of 33 hogsheads rhum, being £12 7 6, dated 7th of May, 1765, and that afterwards said Doan sent 23 hogsheads of said rhum out of the Colony and obtained a certificate for that purpose, but by some means was lost &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved, that upon said administrator's paying to the Colony Treasurer the sum of £3 15 0, L. money, said administrator shall be discharged of and from said note and everything due thereon.

[176] On the memorial of David Warner and Moses Cook, administrators on the estate of Moses Cook late of Waterbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate, with some allowance made to the widow, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £64 12 6; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum aforesaid with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the said sum of £64 12 6 with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Reuben Warner and David Warner, executors of the last will and testament of Doct. Benjamin Warner late of Waterbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on the estate of said deceas'd, with some small allowance made to the widow for things necessary to keep house, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £63 14 9; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the said sum of £63 14 9 with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd

as shall raise the said sum of £63 14 9 with incident charges arising thereon; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Douglass, administrator on the estate of Thomas Bushnel late of Saybrook deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd and former allowance for sale of lands £7 14 11; praying liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise said sum of £7 14 11 with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

On the memorial of Joshua Holcomb of Symsbury, conservator of the person and estate of Silas [*sic*] Griffen, an impotent person of said Symsbury, shewing that the debts exhibited by the said conservator against the said Silence [*sic*] to the county court holden in Hartford on the first Tuesday of June, 1772, and allowed by said court amounts to the sum of £4 4 0½, lawful money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said Silence as to raise said sum with incident charges arising on such sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that Brewster Higley of said Symsbury have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said Silence as to raise said sum of £4 4 0½, lawful money, with incident charges arising on such sale, and to render account to said county court of his doings thereon.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Adams, administrator on the estate of John Lambert of Canterbury deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate amounts to the sum of £79 10 9, lawful money, and that the personal estate of said deceas'd amounts to no more than the sum of £23 18 8, L. money, so that the debts &c of said deceas'd's estate surmounts the said personal estate the sum of £55 12 1, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of said real estate as to pay said sum of £55 12 1, lawful money: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted, and that said memorialist is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the said deceas'd's estate as to pay said sum of £55 12 1, L. money, with the necessary charges arising thereon; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

[177] Upon the memorial of Timothy Cleveland junr of

Canterbury, conservator to and for Capt. Timothy Cleveland of said Canterbury, shewing to this Assembly that the said Timothy Cleaveland the elder is an impotent person and has been for a number of years past unable to take care of his estate, and that said estate consists altogether of real estate, and that the adjourned county court holden at Windham on the third Tuesday of Feb'y last appointed auditors to adjust and settle said conservator's accounts and to make their return to the county court holden at Windham on the fourth Tuesday of June last, and that the said auditors adjusted said accounts and made their report to the said June court, and that they found the said estate owed the said conservator the sum of £21 19 6, L. money, and that said report was by said court accepted; praying to have some meet person appointed and impowered to sell so much of said real estate as to pay said sum: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mr. David Payne of said Canterbury be appointed, and he is hereby appointed and impowered, to sell so much of said real estate as to pay said sum, and make return of his doings &c.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Hecox and others, inhabitants within the limits of the first society in Waterbury and the societies of Bethany, Derby, Oxford and New Cheshire, representing that they labour under difficulties with respect to their attendance on the publick worship in the societies to which they belong; praying to be made and constituted an ecclesiastical society within certain limits in their memorial mentioned: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Bushnel Bostwick, Thomas Darling and James Wadsworth, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to repair to said place described in said memorial and to enquire fully of the conveniency and necessity of granting the privileges of a society to the memorialists, and generally of every matter which may relate to the expediency of granting such privileges, and to report what they find with their opinion thereon.

Upon the memorial of Oliver Hanchet of Suffield, praying to be allowed ten pounds out of the Colony treasury for detecting one William Hurlburt of counterfeiting Jersy bills, and eight pounds six shillings and eight pence as his proportion of ten pounds for detecting one Abraham Curtiss in counterfeiting Jersey bills, and causing said Hurlburt and Curtiss to be bound over to the superior court in a hundred pound bond each, which bonds are both forfeited &c., as per memorial on file, on which memorial a committee was appointed, who report that the memorialist ought to receive the sum of eighteen pounds six shillings and eight pence as a

premium aforesaid, which report is accepted: Whereupon it is resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay unto said Oliver Hanchet the sum of eighteen pounds six shillings and eight pence, money, as a premium for detecting the aforesaid persons.

Upon the memorial of John Eliott of Guilford, executor of the last will and testament of Ebenezer Stone late of said Guilford deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd, and allowed by the court of probate in and for the district of Guilford, surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £21 6 10, and that the deceas'd made no provision in his last will for the payment of his debts; praying liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £21 6 10, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Morwehaw, Indian, and others, natives of Scatacook in Kent, representing their desire of an overseer or guardian to secure to them in their proper rights and to assist them in prudently conducting their affairs: This Assembly do appoint Reuben Swift for the purpose aforesaid, in the room of Mr. Elisha Swift resigned, and that he be accountable to the Assembly for his doings herein when required.

[178] Whereas it is represented to this Assembly by sundry of the Indians living at Mohegan and confirmed by other testimonies, that the late sachem Ben Uncas died about thirty pounds in debt, and the said Indians have signified their desire that the debts of the deceas'd may be paid out of the rents of the Mohegan lands by the overseers of the Mohegan Tribe: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said overseers be and they are hereby allowed and directed, to pay the just debts of the deceas'd out of the rents arising on the lands aforesaid, leased to sundry of the English holding and improving the same for the benefit of said tribe.

On the memorial of Jeremiah Sherwood and Joseph Rowland, both of Fairfield, executors of the last will and testament of Joseph Rowland late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from the estate of the deceased Joseph Rowland surmount his inventoried moveable estate the sum of £154 10 8, lawful money, and the deceased made

no other provision for the payment of his debts than what his moveable estate would effect; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and hereby are fully authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the lands or real estate of the deceased Joseph Rowland as shall be sufficient to raise and pay the sum of £154 10 8 with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph and Eleazer Fitch, shewing to this Assembly that they are under obligations to pay to the Colony a considerable sum of money, which at present they are not able to command; praying this Assembly to allow them a farther time to discharge said debt, and also to permit them to pay the whole or part thereof by putting over into the hands of the Treasurer of the Colony such other personal securities as shall be deemed good and responsible &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Joseph and Eleazer Fitch be allowed a further time of one year from the rising of this Assembly to discharge the debt due from them to this Colony, and that they be permitted to pay the whole or such part thereof as they are able within said time by putting over into the hands of the Treasurer of this Colony such personal securities as Eliphalet Dyer and Samuel Huntington of Norwich, Esq[rs], shall approve to be good and responsible: said securities to be made payable to the Treasurer of this Colony or his successor in said office, on interest, and to become due within one year from the rising of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Jesse Leavenworth, of the town and county of New Haven, representing to this Assembly the necessity and propriety of a stated ferry at the Ferry Point, so called, in said New Haven, and praying for the privilege of a ferry from said Ferry Point to East Haven shore, under such regulations &c. as this Assembly shall think proper: This Assembly do grant to him, said Jesse Leavenworth, the privilege of a ferry at the place aforesaid. And it is hereby enacted, that the fare of said ferry be in all respects conformable to that of Saybrook Ferry, during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Rogers of Branford, administrator upon the estate of Enos Pardie late of Branford, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £26 18 6; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be suffi-

cient to pay said sum together with the incident charge, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £26 18 6, lawful money, with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

[179] Upon the memorial of Rachel Smith of New Haven, administratrix upon the estate of David Smith late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceased surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £25 3 7; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £25 3 7, lawful money, together with the incident charges thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

On the memorial of Daniel Crowfoot, Daniel Beardsly and James Curtiss, administrators on the estate of Daniel Crowfoot late of Reading, deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges &c. due from said deceas'd's estate surmount his moveable estate the sum of £56 15 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell lands, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be, and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd Daniel Crowfoot as shall be sufficient to raise and pay said sum of £56 15 0, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Nathaniel Badcock and Sarah Badcock, administrators on the estate of Nathaniel Badcock late of Voluntown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and costs and allowances due from the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate in and for the district of Plainfield surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £109 3 3; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Nathaniel Badcock as will raise said sum of £109 3 3, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on

said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Plainfield therein.

Upon the memorial of James Bill and others, inhabitants of the society of Goshen in the town of Lebanon, praying to be made a distinct ecclesiastical society &c., Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington and Benjamin Hall, Esq[rs], are appointed a committee, to repair to said society and take into consideration the state and circumstances thereof, their controversies and unhappy disputes and animosities among them, and if possible effect a coalition between the contending parties with respect to a place for a meeting-house; and if that cannot be effected, to take into consideration the conveniency and propriety of a division of said society, whether all matters considered it is best on the whole there should be a division of said society into two distinct ecclesiastical societies, and in what place the line of division ought to be fixed; and their report on the matters aforesaid make to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Williams, Jonathan Lyman and others, inhabitants in the southeast part of the first society in Lebanon in Windham county, complaining of certain votes lately passed in said society in their society meetings, also representing at large the difficulties lately arisen and subsisting therein, and praying for the interposition of this Assembly to grant and enact certain privileges to and regulations for said memorialists and the rest of said society, as per said memorial at large: This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Silliman, Jabez Hamlin and Oliver Wolcott, Esq[rs], a committee to repair to said first society, and by their assistance in advice and council, having heard the parties at large, to endeavour to reconcile them to compromise their difficulties and unite them in peace and harmony. And in case they shall not be able to accomplish so desirable a purpose, to enquire diligently into all the circumstances relative to said controversy and difficulties, and make report of all such matters as may appear material for a determination on said memorial to this Assembly in May next, with their opinion thereon, at the cost of said society.

[180] Upon the memorial of Jacob Eliott of Lebanon, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1761 he married Martha Blackleach of Stratford, who was then indebted to Elisha Mills of Stratford in the sum of £28 0 0, which with the growing interest thereon is now due; that said Martha in her life time designed to have disposed of a tract

of wood-land in Stratford for the satisfaction of said debt; praying liberty to sell said wood-lot &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered, to make sale and convey the said wood-lot in Stratford, containing about sixty acres, of which said Martha died seized, and out of the avails thereof to pay and satisfy said debt, and the residue of the said purchase monies to let out on interest for the benefit of the children of said Martha deceas'd; under the direction and by order of the court of probate for the district of Windham.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Sherman of the society of Mount Carmel in the town of New Haven, shewing that he has for many years been a minister of the gospel, that he was regularly settled the minister of said society agreeable to the constitution of this Colony, that after having been some years in the ministry there some differences arose and the consociation of the county of New Haven being called in August, 1771, advised to the dissolution of his pastoral relation to that people, not on account of any error in doctrine or censurable conduct of the memorialist but on account of the disaffection of some of the people toward him which it was feared would obstruct his usefulness in that place, and that the memorialist is now a minister of the gospel in regular standing, as appears by the certificate of the ministers who composed the council, and that the memorialist determines still to pursue the work of the ministry if God in his providence give him opportunity; and that the listers in the town of New Haven have warned him to give in his list of rateable estate the present year, which he has accordingly done &c.; praying to have said list abated, and that his person and estate in said New Haven may for the future be exempted from being rated in the list: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said list of rateable estate given in by the memorialist shall be abated and he be excused from being rated thereon, and that during the pleasure of this Assembly the person of the memorialist and all his estate in said New Haven shall be exempted from being rated in the list of the polls and rateable estate of said town.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Hammond of Bolton, conservator of the person and estate of Elizabeth Boardman, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the county court and paid by him surmount the personal estate of said Elizabeth the sum of £24 5 $3\frac{3}{4}$; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Elizabeth as

will raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Benjamin Talcott, Esq^{r}, be and he is hereby fully impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said Elizabeth as will pay said sum of £24 5 3¾ and incident charge of sale, and thereof render his account to the county court of said Hartford county as soon as may conveniently be after such sale.

Upon the memorial of John Bradford, administrator on the estate of Joseph Willoughby late of New London, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the moveable estate of the deceas'd the sum of £52 3 0; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as will raise that sum with incident charges, as per memorial on file: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will raise the sum of £52 3 0 with the charges of said sale; taking the directions of the court of probates for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of John Bellows of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony tax in the town of Groton for the year 1763, and soon after he received [181] the Treasurer's warrant, and before the rate became || due, sundry persons died, whose rates amounted to £3 9 2; that he has never been able to collect the same, and that he has lost the Treasurer's warrant and is thereby unable to collect the sums remaining due on his rate-bill &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby abated the sum of £3 9 2 out of the aforesaid rate-bill; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to issue a new warrant to said Bellows, to enable him to collect the sums remaining due on his rate-bill.

Upon the memorial of David Naughty Benton, of Guilford in the county of New Haven, representing that a devise of real estate is made to him upon condition of changing his sirname to that of Naughty: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sirname of the memorialist shall for the future be Naughty, which name the memorialist hath full liberty to assume and use, and shall be known and distinguished thereby.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Seymour, executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Seymour, Esq^{r}, deceas'd, shewing that he hath paid out the sum of £354 13 11½, law-

ful money, in debts &c. due and payable from the estate of said deceas'd more than the amount of the personal estate of said deceas'd, and that part of the real estate of said deceas'd subjected by said will &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said executor have and he hereby hath full power, liberty and authority, to sell and dispose of so much of the residue of said real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and reimburse himself the said sum of £354 13 11¼, lawful money; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate therein.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Chatham in the county of Hartford, representing that Timothy McLeave of said Chatham is an idiot and has no personal estate; praying for liberty to make sale of his real estate: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to make sale of the real estate of said Timothy McCleave and to keep and improve and apply the avails of said real estate for the use, support and benefit of said Timothy McClave, so far as shall be needed.

Upon the memorial of Caleb Knight of Norwich, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Knight late of said Norwich, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowance of necessaries to the widow, charges of administration and for bringing up three infant children, all allowed by the court of probate for the district of Norwich, surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £50 18 2¼, and praying for liberty and authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum with incident charges, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise the said sum of £50 18 2¼ and incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

Upon the memorial of Martha Kelcey, administratrix on the estate of Jonah Kelcey late of Killingworth, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from [said] estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd £55 11 9; praying to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £55 11*s.* 9*d.* and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

On the memorial of Joshua Badcock, administrator on the estate of Oliver Badcock late of Voluntown deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and costs and allowances due from the estate of said deceas'd, and allowed by the court of probate in and for the district of Plainfield, surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd; praying for liberty to sell [182] real estate &c., as per memorial on file: ‖ Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Oliver Badcock as will raise the sum of £90 3 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Plainfield therein.

On the memorial of Samuel Stewart, executor on the last will and testament of Robert Coats late of Stonington, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and costs due from the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate in and for the district of Stonington surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Robert Coats as will raise the sum of £32 4 11, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein.

Upon the memorial of the listers of the town of Norwich for the year 1771, shewing to this Assembly that in the returns made to the General Assembly in May last of the additions to the list of said town, they through mistake omitted to sever the fourfold from the single additions; that £2151 13 6 of said sums returned were fourfolds; praying that their said mistake may be rectified &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be impowered, and he is hereby impowered and directed, to issue his warrant to the collector of the tax on said list in said town, to collect the rates on said list with said additions and fourfolds, in the same manner the same would have issued if no such mistake had been made, and when collected that the same be paid according to the direction of the law.

On the memorial of Jonathan Wheeler, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Wheeler late of Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the inventoried moveable estate the sum of £94 14 2, lawful money; praying

for liberty to sell lands, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby fully authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the lands or real estate of the deceas'd Jonathan Wheeler as shall be sufficient to raise the sum of £94 14 2, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Bryant Brown and Edward Adams of Killingley, agents for the town of Killingley, shewing this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Colony gave out his warrant to the collector of said Killingley who was to collect the country rate of the inhabitants of said town for the year 1770, and that said rate or tax amounted to the sum of £223 17 0, and that said collector collected of said inhabitants the whole of said sum and paid to said Treasurer the sum of £130 18 10*d.* and no more, and that said collector neglected to pay the remaining part of said rate, and that said collector is altogether insolvent, and thereby is unable to pay the remainder part of said rate, whereupon the said town is obliged to pay the same, and that the said Treasurer issued out an execution against the selectmen of said Killingley for the sum of £101 18 2, which was in full of said remaining part of said rate; praying to this Assembly that said Treasurer be directed and ordered to take good and sufficient security of said agents, or of any other persons that said town shall appoint as agents to give said security for said sum with the lawful interest arising thereon and the cost that has arisen upon said execution, provided said security be given to said Treasurer at or before the first day of January next, and upon said security being so given for said Treasurer to discharge the said execution: Resolved by this Assembly, that if the said agents or any other persons that said town shall appoint shall give good and sufficient security to the said Treasurer for said sum with interest &c., and to pay the same within one year from this time, provided said security be given at or before the first day of January next, and upon such security's being so given said Treasurer is hereby directed and ordered to discharge said execution.

[183] Upon the memorial of Abel Sperry and others, inhabitants living in the southwest parts of the parish of New Cheshire in Wallingford, shewing to this Assembly their great distance from the publick worship of God in said society and badness of the road &c.; praying for liberty to hire an orthodox minister to preach amongst themselves for five months in a year for the space of seven years, with exemption &c.,

as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty hereby granted to them within the following limits, *viz:* east on the west rocks, south on New Haven bounds, west on Waterbury bounds, and north on said parish bounds so far as any of the memorialists now dwell, to hire an orthodox minister to preach amongst themselves for five months in a year for the space of seven years next coming, with exemption from ministerial charges to said society of New Cheshire for such term of time only as they shall hire preaching amongst themselves.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Martin and Phebe Fairchild, administrators on the estate of Daniel Fairchild late of Woodbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on and which have been allowed against said estate since liberty from this Assembly to sell land amounts to the sum of £16 9 0, and praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Solomon Martin have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to make said sum of £16 9 0, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Ferriss of Greenwich, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony tax of the town of Greenwich for the year 1758, amounting to the sum of £1145 17 1, and that he on the first day of March and fifth day of September, 1759, paid to the Treasurer of the Colony the sum of £1137 2 8¼, in which was included the sum of £1 3 0 for travel to settle the provision account, and a bill of abatement for £1 6 6, and that the General Assembly have abated the sum of £8 17 2, which was the rates of several absconding and deceased persons, and that the aforesaid sums of £1 3 0 and £1 6 6 for travel and the bill of abatement were not allowed by the Auditors; praying this Assembly to grant relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be directed and he is hereby ordered, to cancel his demand as Treasurer of this Colony against the town of Greenwich risen on account of the disallowance of the said sums of £1 3 0 and £1 6 6, and the cost that hath arisen thereon.

Upon the memorial of Silvanus Seely, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Nathaniel Bates jun'r, late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceased the sum of £14 17 4, lawful

money, and praying to be impowered to sell real estate to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialist be impowered and he is hereby impowered, to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £14 17 4, lawful money, with the incident charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probates in the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Granger, of Suffield in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he has lately had his dwelling-house destroyed by fire, in which were consumed large numbers of notes and executions he had of other persons to collect, all his own notes, books of account and other papers, whereby he conceives the whole of said notes, books, debts and other papers &c. may be wholly lost, unless some relief be devised &c.; praying that a committee may be appointed with authority and power to convene before them such person or persons as the memorialist shall request, who were indebted to the memorialist by any way or means, or had any dealing with him, or that were indebted on any of the notes &c. he had in his hands to collect, and being so convened to enquire and examine into the matters which shall then be laid before them relative to any of the notes and book-debts &c. mentioned in said memorial, by such way and manner as this Assembly shall direct, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. Aaron Hitchcock, Shem Burbank and David Todd, all of Suffield in the county of Hartford, be appointed, and they are hereby appointed, a committee with full power and authority to convene before them, at such time and place as they shall appoint, such person or persons as the said Gideon Granger shall request, who were indebted to him by notes, bonds, book or otherwise, or with whom he had any dealings, and also any [184] || person or persons that were indebted on any note or execution &c. he had of other persons in his hands to collect, and being so convened to proceed to enquire and examine into the matters which may then be laid before them relating to any of the notes, bonds, executions &c. aforesaid, by the oaths of the parties or by any other evidences, ways or means they shall think fit whereby truth may be had, and to ascertain as far as may be what may be due and owing from any person or persons to the said Gideon on notes or otherwise, and what was due and owing on any notes &c. he had in his hands to collect, and report thereof make to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford in May next, or some future Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Alithea Knapp and Joseph Hubby jun^{r}, administrators on the estate of Titus Knapp, late of Greenwich in Fairfield county, deceas'd, shewing that the debts &c. due from said estate surmount the inventoried part thereof the sum of £104 3 3¾, lawful money; praying to be impowered to sell real estate to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Alithea Knapp and Joseph Hubby jun^{r} be impowered, and they are hereby impowered, to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £104 3 3¾, lawful money, and also the incident charges of such sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Judson and Zadock Hurd, administrators on the estate of Eldad Spencer late of Woodbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate and allowed surmount the moveable part of said estate over and above what was granted by this Assembly in May last, the sum of £14 1 4, and praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and they are hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceased as to make said sum of £14 1 4, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate of the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Oliver Atwood, executor of the last will and testament of Daniel Perry late of Woodbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances against said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £5 2 9, lawful money, and praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Oliver Atwood have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said Daniel Perry, deceas'd, as to make said sum of £5 2 9, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of John Harmon, of Suffield in the county of Hartford, conservator of the person and estate of Ann Spencer of said Suffield, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges which have arisen against the said Ann since the memorialist's said conservatorship, amount to the sum of £56 12 2, lawful money, as allowed by the county court for Hartford county at their sessions in April, 1768, and at their adjourned sessions in June, 1772, and that

the said Ann hath no personal estate wherewith to pay the same; praying for liberty to the memorialist or some meet person, to sell so much of the real estate of said Ann as will raise said sum of £56 12 2, lawful money, with incident charges, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said John Harmon, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Ann as will raise said sum of £56 12 2, lawful money, with incident charges arising thereon, and account thereof render to the county court for the county of Hartford.

On the memorial of Abraham Harriss, administrator on the estate of Phineas Rowlandson, late of Weathersfield in the district of Hartford, deceased, for liberty to sell the real estate of the said deceased to the amount of £22 18 9¾, to discharge the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd [185] with incident charges of ‖ sale &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as will raise said sum of £22 18 9¾, lawful money, to discharge the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd, with incident charges of sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate of the several Towns in this Colony for the Year 1772, as returned to this Assembly.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Hartford,	44854	12	6	Weathersfield,	32718	0	0
Midletown,	40698	3	0	Windsor,	24082	7	9
East Windsor,	27604	6	0	Willington,	8401	0	6
Tolland,	13649	12	0	Colchester,	32974	12	8
East Hadam,	25968	17	0	Stafford,	10334	15	0
Enfield,	13073	4	0	Symsbury,	29749	18	0
Bolton,	10005	12	0	Chatham,	22337	0	0
Suffield,	20041	19	0	Glastonbury,	17433	14	9
Summers,	8781	9	0	Haddam,	15620	2	3
Hebron,	23000	0	0	Farmington,	63206	12	6
New Haven,	68791	11	2	Milford,	27725	2	9
Derby,	18046	9	8¾	Waterbury,	35110	5	1
Wallingford,	49202	1	8	Durham,	11514	8	9
Guilford,	35048	15	10	Branford,	23187	1	10
New London,	35708	19	9	Norwich,	65812	12	3
Preston,	24440	15	9	Stonington,	37129	15	6
Groton,	25587	15	9	Lyme,	27472	5	7

Saybrook,	25730	11	9	Killingworth,	19907	2	0
Fairfield,	50753	7	7	Stratford,	51450	0	0
Greenwich,	23495	14	6	Norwalk,	42151	18	3¼
Reading,	13280	18	0	Stamford,	33165	3	0½
New Fairfield,	12740	3	8	Ridgfield,	18277	7	0½
Danbury,	27600	6	2	Newtown,	22628	10	2
Windham,	31732	6	6	Pomfret,	26285	11	6
Woodstock,	20200	0	0	Killingley,	29680	10	0
Canterbury,	20229	5	0	Plainfield,	14227	2	6
Ashford,	16409	14	1	Volentown,	12718	0	0
Coventry,	20658	0	6	Mansfield,	21062	15	8
Lebanon,	40780	12	0	Litchfield,	25431	6	8
New Milford,	26919	10	0	Goshen,	12460	10	0
Cornwall,	8647	18	6	New Hartford,	8295	13	6
Woodbury,	57115	7	6	Salisbury,	16261	14	0
Sharon,	16401	0	6	Canaan,	14440	17	0
Kent,	17100	0	0	Torrington,	5698	12	0
Harwington,	7840	0	6				

Upon the memorial of Josiah Bissell, Esq^{r}, and the rest of the inhabitants of the town of Windsor in the county of Hartford in the Colony aforesaid, praying for liberty to set up and keep a ferry in said Windsor across Connecticut River, a little south of the ferry called Scantick Ferry, &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 6th day of May, A. D. 1772: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted unto them, to set up and keep a ferry in said Windsor a little south of the ferry called [1c6] Scantick Ferry, to wit, on the || bank of said river at or near the highway that leads from the dwelling-house of Eliakim Mather in said Windsor to said river, to cross said river with a good tight boat sufficient both for largeness, strength and steadiness, for the safe transportation of passengers, their horses, carriages and other creatures, well furnished with suitable oars and other implements necessary of that service, and men sufficient to manage the same, and to be subject to the laws of this Colony for regulating ferrys, and have the same fees as by the laws of this Colony are had and received at said Scantick Ferry.

Upon the memorial of the society of Kensington in the town of Farmington in the county of Hartford, by their agent, shewing to this Assembly that it is best and absolutely necessary for their mutual peace and real happiness, as well as from their limits, situation, extent and wealth, and other respects, that said society should be divided into two distinct ecclesiastical societies by a north and south line, which they

have a long time laboured to effect; and said south society having now mutually agreed that the most reasonable line of division will be in the following manner and form, to wit: Beginning at the south line of the said society, at the place where the river called Belcher's River crosses the said line, thence extending northerly by said river until it comes to the four rods highway, so called, thence on the same highway until it comes to the south side of Selah Hart, Esq^{r}, land, thence east on the line of said Hart's land to the same river again, thence northerly a direct course (leaving said Hart's now land on the west, if any of it should happen to fall east of said course) to a point on the highway ten feet east of Deacon Ebenezer Hart's dwelling-house, from thence north to the north line of said society; to include however the whole of said Deacon Hart's farm on which he now dwells in said west society. And it is also further agreed, that one or other of said societies so to be divided will accept and receive the Rev^{d} Mr. Clarke, the present pastor, for their minister as he shall choose, and that such of said society with whom he shall incline to continue shall and will in future engage to perform and fulfil to him the contract now subsisting between him and said society of Kensington. And it is also further agreed, that the most convenient and suitable place for building a meeting-house in said east proposed society is at a stake set near a maple tree in the dividing line between the lots of Solomon Dunham and Benjamin Galpin; and the most convenient place for that purpose in said west part is a little westward of the dwelling-house of Daniel Cole jun^{r}, where a stake was lately set up between two large stones in the middle of the highway. And said society by their agents, Selah Hart, Esq^{r}, and Mr. Jedediah Norton, now moving that said line of division and the places fixed for the building of meeting-houses may be ratified and established, and that such of said societies with whom the said Mr. Clark shall incline to continue may be held to fulfil to him the contract now subsisting as aforesaid, and that each of said several societies may be enabled to proceed in the building of a meeting-house at the places aforesaid, as per memorial and the votes and doings of said society &c. appears: Wherefore, and that peace and harmony may be restored to them &c., it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said society of Kensington shall be and the same is hereby divided into two distinct ecclesiastical societies, with full powers and privileges as other societies by law have and do enjoy, according to the lines, bounds and limits beforementioned and described; and that said west

society shall retain and be called by the name of Kensington, and that the said east society shall be called by the name of Worthington, and that such of said societies with whom the said Mr. Clark shall choose or signify his willingness or desire to continue as their minister shall for the future perform and fulfil to him the contract now subsisting between him and said whole society, so long as he shall remain in the work of the ministry among them. And it is further resolved and ordered, that the several places fixed for the building of meeting-houses as aforesaid shall and the same are hereby established to be the most proper and convenient for that purpose; and each of said two societies shall have full power, and full power and authority is hereby given to them. by their major vote to lay taxes and raise and levy money for the building of such house or houses at the places aforesaid as they shall severally so vote and agree to build and erect for divine and publick worship in said societies. And whereas the interest of the Rev^{d} Mr. Clarke may be materially affected by the division aforesaid and by his being obliged to remove from his present situation: It is therefore further resolved, that Colo. Jabez Hamlin, Maj^{r} Erastus Wolcott and Maj^{r} Elisha Williams be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full powers to notify all concerned and to examine into and consider of all circumstances relative to the said Mr. Clarke's interest, and how far the same may be affected by the [187] division || aforesaid, and what compensation, if any, ought to be made him, and by whom, and generally whatever shall appear necessary or expedient, that full and compleat justice may be done to the said Rev^{d} Mr. Clark in the premises, and report their opinion thereon to this Assembly in May next, unless some previous agreement shall be come into concerning the matters aforesaid.

Whereas the committee appointed to take into consideration the matters contained in the memorial of the President and Fellows of Yale College in New Haven, preferred to this Assembly, have reported that there is a balance of £180 10 9, lawful money, due for the necessary expences of said college for the year past, and that the memorialists have no money in their treasury to pay the same: This Assembly grants to the memorialists the said sum of £180 10 9 out of the treasury of this Colony, to be paid in bills of publick credit of the last emission; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same to the treasurer of said college, to be improved for the purpose aforesaid.

The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen to stand for Election in May next. as sent in to the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1772, are as follow, viz:

The Hon^ble Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r,
The Hon^ble Mathew Griswold, Esq^r,

Hezekiah Huntington, Esq^r,	Joseph Spencer, Esq^r,
Shubael Conant, Esq^r,	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r,
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^r,	The Hon^ble Thomas Fitch, Esq^r,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r,	Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^r,
Jabez Huntington, Esq^r,	Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r,
William Pitkin, Esq^r,	Mr. Jas. Abraham Hillhouse,
Roger Sherman, Esq^r,	Mr. Daniel Sherman,
Abraham Davenport, Esq^r,	Major Erastus Wolcott,
Wm Samuel Johnson, Esq^r,	Maj Samuel Holden Parsons.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony attend on the same at New Haven on the 29th of instant October, prepared with money to defray the expences thereof.

On the petition of Eliphalet Enos, of Windsor in the county of Hartford, *vs.* Richard Alsop, of Midletown, and James Church, of Hartford in the county aforesaid, dated April 14th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May last: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered by the respondents in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Simeon Cowles, of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, *vs.* John Nugent and Anne Nugent wife of the said John, both of Litchfield in the county of Litchfield, which said Anne was formerly and before her intermarriage with said John Anne Welch of said Litchfield, dated Nov. 15th, 1771, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford &c. on the second Thursday of May last: The question was now put, whether there is error in the judgment of the superior court referred to in said petition, as the petitioner hath therein alledged and complained of: Resolved by [this] Assembly in the negative.

[188] On the petition of Hezekiah Humphry, Esq^r, and James Hilyer, both of Symsbury in the county of Hartford, *vs.* Jonathan Humphry and Elisha Cornish, both of Symsbury aforesaid, dated May 4th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford &c. on the second Thursday of May last: And now the question was put, whether the pleas offered by the respondents in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £3 10 4, *L. money. Ex. granted December 29th*, 1772.

On the petition of Isaac Lewiss and Isaiah Moss, both of Wallingford in the county of New Haven, *vs.* Eve Provost, of the city and Province of New York, administratrix of the goods and estate of John Provost, late of said New York, deceas'd, dated June 20th, 1772, as on file: The question was put, whether anything should be granted on the prayer of said petition: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

On the petition of Jonathan Metcalf, William Metcalf, Samuel Huntington and Hannah Huntington his wife, and John Huntington, all of Lebanon in the county of Windham, and Peter Pratt, late of Sharon in the county of Litchfield now of Philips Patent in Dutchess county in the Province of New York, *vs.* Zebulon Babcock, of Sharon in said county of Litchfield, and Benajah Geer, of Coventry in the county of Windham, dated April 15th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May last: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petititon are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Joseph Page, of Stonington in the county of New London, *vs.* Capt. Thomas Prentiss of said Stonington, agent for said town and one of the principal inhabitants thereof, and the rest of the inhabitants of said Stonington, dated May 4th, 1772, as on file: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered by the respondent in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Samuel Treat, of Milford in the county of New Haven, one of the executors of the last will of Richard Bryan late of said Milford, deceas'd, *vs.* John Treat and Anne his wife, Zechariah Marks and Mary his wife, Sarah Bryan sen^{r}, Capt. Richard Bryan, Mehitabel Ingersol, and Sarah Bryan jun^{r}, a minor under age, and said Sarah Bryan sen^{r} her guardian, all of Milford aforesaid, dated September 20th, 1771, by sundry continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of the petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Sylvanus Higgins, of Chatham in the county of Hartford, *vs.* Thomas Mumford and Ebenezer Ledyard, of Groton in the county of New London, and others named in the citation annexed to said petition, creditors of the said Sylvanus Higgins, dated September 26th, 1771, as on file, and on the report of a committee appointed to enquire &c.

lying before this Assembly: The question was put, whether on said report anything should be granted or decreed in favour of the petitioner, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money, for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, lawful money, for the last half of his salary the current year.

[189] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the consideration of the following petitions and memorials, now depending before this Assembly, be continued to the next sessions of the same, *viz:*

Ebenezer Hall *v.* Daniel Morriss.
Aaron Cleaveland *v.* James Dixon.
Sarah and Daniel Hooker *v.* George Hosmer &c.
Isaac Guion *v.* Mary Knowles &c.
Clement Minor *v.* Paul Wheeler &c.
Daniel Belding *v.* Thomas Belding.
Sampson Simpson *v.* Abraham Brunson.
Philip Dagget *v.* William Jones &c.
Kinney *v.* Joseph Jackson.
James Bill's memorial.
Thomas Willson *v.* William Potter.
Ezekiel Pierce *v.* Samuel Stewart.
Isaac Bennet *v. eundem.*
Joshua Belding *v.* David Smith &c.
Gurdon Saltonstall *v.* John Winthrop.
Grant and Kneeland *v.* Sam[l] Tozer.
John Lawrence, Esq[r], *v.* Benjamin Payne, Esq[r].
Idem v. Isaac Baldwin.
Idem v. eundem.
Idem v. Seth Wetmore, Esq[r].
Idem v. Town of Stonington.
Ralph Isaacs *v.* Stephen Holmes.
William Tiley *v.* John Walker.
John Keith's memorial.
Jonathan Miller *v.* Barnabas Thomson &c.
Leonard Chester *v.* John Chester &c.
Josiah Case *v.* Moses Griswold.
John Clapp *v.* John Grigg.
John Hunt *v.* Shadrach Hubbell.
Ozias Pratt's memorial.
Daniel Ely's memorial.
William Hall's memorial.
Caleb Austin *v.* William Bowdoin, Esq[r].
New Hartford *v.* Symsbury.
George Folliott *v.* Eleaz[r] Fitch jun[r].
Joshua Leonard *v. eundem.*
Nathaniel Ensworth's memorial.
Warham Williams *v.* Elisha Bigelow.
Wallingford *v.* Midletown.
William Pitkin, Esq[r], *v.* Jonath. Chipman.
David Wheeler *v.* Ezra Wheeler.
John Borland *v.* John Rew.
Benjamin Horton *v.* William Underwood.
Judah Swift's memorial.
Moses Rowley's memorial:
John Royce *v.* David Williams &c.
James Thomson *v.* Daniel Payne.

Reynold Marvin *v.* Benj. Douglas &c.
Peter R. Livingston *v.* South Society in Hartford.
Benja. Kissam &c. *v.* John Gillett.
John Gillett *v.* Ebenezer Gillett.
Isaac Fellows *v.* Joseph Shaw.
John Hoy *v.* William McCracan.
Peletiah Pierce *v.* John Benton.
Milford lister's memorial.
Nath[l] Shaw *v.* John Lambert jun[r].
John Banister *v.* Alex[r] Phelps.
Thomas Barber *v.* Rachel Dowe.
Isaac Bidwell *v.* William Pitkin, Esq[r].
James Shelton *v.* Ruth Stevens.
Richard Alsop *v.* Joseph Church jun[r]. &c.
Robert McLeave *v. eosdem.*
Samuel Chapman *v.* John Ray.
John Hills *v.* James Jauncey &c.
Patrick Robinson *v.* Daniel Tillotson.
Samuel Talcott &c. *v.* James Nichols.
Samuel Tomlinson *v.* Freegift Hawkins.
Daniel Pratt *v.* John Thomas.
Joseph Harriss *v.* Town of Preston.
David Clarkson *v.* Zebulon Brown.
Richard Smith &c. memorial.
Joseph Barnerd *v.* Solomon Wells, Esq[r].
Elisha Seymour *v.* Joseph Talcott, Esq[r].
John Hotchkiss *v.* John Eliott.
Joseph Church *v.* Rachel Dowe.
[190] Town of Hartford *v.* Treasurer.
Thomas Lee *v.* James Taylor.
Joel Case *v.* Amos Wilcox.
Daniel Payne *v.* Elias Robbins.
Zachariah Marvin's memorial.
William French's memorial.
Samuel Colton *v.* Jonathan Terry.
Solomon Clark *v.* William Hall.
Gurdon Saltonstall *v.* Philip Livingston, Esq[r].
Sylvanus Bishop *v.* Benja. Douglass &c.
Thomas Whiton *v.* Jonath. Fitch.
John Perkins *v.* Jonath. Peters.
Silvester Gardiner *v.* William Jepson.
Ebenezer Grant *v.* Chester Wells.
Ashford memorial.
Nathaniel Sherman *v.* Mount Carmel.
Peter Vandervoort *v.* John Thomson.
Abner Burroughs' memorial.
Luther Shepard's memorial.
James Perrit *v.* Town of Derby.
John Daviss *v.* William Daviss &c.
William Walton *v.* Brooklyn Parish.
Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r], *v.* Middletown 1st Society.
Benjamin Marcy *v.* Town of Ashford.
Jonathan Ashley *v.* William Hooker.
Baptists and Separates' memorial.
Nathan Hibbard's memorial.
John Eaton's memorial.
John Foster *v.* Seth Bartlett.
William Ellery *v.* Joseph Wright.
Joseph Hastings' memorial.
Nathaniel Drake *v.* Society East Hadam.
Stephen Burrett *v.* James Jauncey.
Job Norton *v.* David Burnham.
Elizur Hubbard *v.* Wm. Sam[l] Johnson.
Pantry Jones *v.* Hartford inhabitants.
William B. Brown *v.* Nath[l] Hecox.
Daniel Payne *v.* William Utley.
David Strickland *v.* Westfield.
Jabez Huntington *v.* Hugh Ledlie.
Josiah Hammon *v.* Town of Mansfield.

Caleb Turner *v.* Stephen Turner.
Daniel Waterman *v.* James Flint.
Jacob Pinto *v.* Peter Ketteltas.
Elisha Keys' memorial.
Ralph Pomroy &c. *v.* William Fitch.
Josiah Ames *v.* John King.
Joshua Elderkin's memorial.
Samuel Gilbert's memorial.
Ebenezer Case's memorial.
Black Hill memorial.
Sylvanus Phelps' memorial.
Amos Barns' memorial.
Chauncey Bulkley's memorial.
Nathan Abbee's memorial.
Selectmen of Midletown's memorial.
Elisha Seabury's memorial.
Joseph Eaton *v.* Benja. Bacon.
Benjamin Wyncoop *v.* Joseph Gorham.
Ephraim Lewiss *v.* Joseph Isham &c.
James Bates *v.* Town of Hadam.
Robert Rose v. Joseph Rose.
Jack and Jude *v.* Oliver Bulkley &c.
Elisha Whittlesey *v.* Stephen Whittlesey Hall.
Benjamin Wyncoop *v.* Samuel Couch.
Elisha Webster *v.* Jonath. Robbins.
Stiles Curtiss *v.* Town of Stratford.
Benjamin Trumbull *v.* Bemslee Peters.
Josiah Blackslee *v.* Isaac Sears.
Roswell Mills *v.* Joel Loomiss.
Odiah Loomiss *v.* James Cornish.
Jonathan Peters *v.* Ezekiel Horton.
Jedediah Norton *v.* Benja. Rice.
Abraham Palmer *v.* Samuel Palmer.
Malcolm Mallery *v.* Bazil Munson.
Thomas Leffingwell's memorial.
Samuel Wolcott *v.* Elisha Williams.
Uriah Brigham *v.* Town of Mansfield.
Ebenezer Scott *v.* Samuel Kent.
Seth Austin *v.* Samuel Kent &c.
Aaron Austin *v.* Stephen Gillett.
Oliver Hanchet *v.* Medad Pomroy.
Samuel Butler, *v.* Samuel Talcott &c.
Joseph Indian *v.* Milford Proprietors.
Ralph Pomroy *v.* Pantry Jones.
Samuel Falkner *v.* Caleb Falkner.
Theophilus Bache *v.* John Hotchkiss.
Perry, Hayes &c. *v. eundem.*
Elizabeth Wilford's memorial.
Greenwich *v.* Stamford.
Dudley Woodbridge *v.* Samuel Cheeseborough.
Isaac Bidwell *v.* Samuel North.
Benjamin Atwater *v.* 1st Society Wallingford.
Jesse Ives *v.* John Ives.
John Gardiner *v.* John McCurdy.
Samuel Parsons jun^{r} *v.* James Wadsworth.
George Smith *v.* Daniel Hooker &c.
Eleazer Cary *v.* Hugh Ledlie.
Jonadab Bassett *v.* Samuel Bassett.
Ephraim Minor *v.* Ephraim Woodbridge.
Josiah Phelps *v.* John Lewiss.
Obadiah Hurlburt's memorial.
Elisha Pitkin's do.
Elisha Pitkin's do.
Samuel Rockwell's memorial.
John Gregg's memorial.
Rufus Minor *v.* Ephraim Woodbridge.
Jeremiah Parmelee's &c. &c. memorial.

This Assembly was adjourned by proclamation &c. until

the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret'y.*

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[33] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT CONVENED AT NEW HAVEN THE 2D DAY OF OCTOBER, ANNO DOM. 1775.* 1772

Present: Honorable Jon^th^ Trumbull, Esq^r^, *Governor.*
Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^r^, *Deputy Governor.*

Hez. Huntington, Esq^r^,	Roger Sherman, Esq^r^,	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq^r^,	Abraham Davenport, Esq^r^,	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^r^,	Wm. Samuel Johnson, Esq^r^,	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r^,	Joseph Spencer, Esq^r^,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq^r^,	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r^,	
Wm. Pitkin, Esq^r^.		

The selectmen of New London exhibited their account for supporting John Collins, a transient person, Joseph Whiteker, Thomas Blanchfield and Amos Boles, amounting to £14 5, which was allowed in Council and resolved that the Treasurer pay the same accordingly.

To Milford selectmen for supporting Edward Ford, three pounds seventeen shillings and six pence. *Order given 29th of Oct., 1772.*

To Doctor Alexander Wolcott for doctoring Billy Squaw, one pound twelve shillings and eight pence. *Order given 30th January, 1773.*

To the selectmen of New Haven for supporting John Selevin, a transient person, five pounds fifteen shillings and six pence. *Order given 29th October, 1772.*

To Col. Jabez Fitch for supporting Peter Merrey, a transient person, two pounds seven shillings and eight pence. *Order given 29th October, 1775.*

[34] To Sheriff Fitch, £16 0 2, for tending the Assembly and sundry other disbursements. *Order given 30th of October, 1772.*

To the selectmen of Pomphret for supporting and doctoring Christopher Boyd, £6 7 10. *Order given October 20th, 1772.*

To the selectmen of East Haddam for supporting and doctoring John Boseley, a transient person, £25 6 9. *Order given Octo. 29th, 1772.*

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* Although such is the record there is no doubt but that the correct reading should be "the second Thursday of October, 1772." Hezekiah Huntington, named as one of the Assistants present, died suddenly at New London, Feb. 10th, 1773, and Messrs. Dyer and Sherman in October 1775 were in attendance upon the Congress in Philadelphia.

The date 1775, in other places of the record of this meeting is also to be suspected.

To Daniel Sherwood. constable of Fairfield. for transporting Mary Brown, a transient person, 0 18 0. *Order given Octo. 29th, 1772.*

To the selectmen of Danbury for supporting Jos. White, a transient person, £1 6 4. *Order given Octo. 29th, 1772.*

To the selectmen of Pomphrit for supporting John Bowde, a transient person, £22 5 0. *Order given Octo 20th, 1775.*

To the selectmen of Sharon for supporting Peter Gembleton, a transient person, £7 16 10½. *Order given 20th of Octo., 1772.*

To the selectmen of Litchfield for supporting John Kelley, a transient person. £6 7 8. *Order given Octo. 14th, 1775.*

To Levi Hubbard of Guilford, for supporting a transient person, £0 18 8. *Order given 29th Octo., 1775.*

To the selectmen of Woodbury for supporting sundry transient persons, £13 5 8. *Order given Octo. 29th, 1772.*

[35] To the selectmen of Middleton for support [of] sundry transient persons, £7 13 8. *Order given Octo. 29th, 1772.*

Resolved by this Board, That the several sums to the selectmen and private persons be allowed, and that the Treasurer of this Colony pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Oliver Dudley and others of Guilford, shewing to this Board that they are proprietors of about nineteen-twentieth parts of a salt-marsh in Guilford, containing about forty-two acres, commonly called and known by the name of the Long Cove, which is much damaged by overflowing of water, and praying for commissioners of sewers to be appointed to ditch, drain or dyke said land &c.. as per memorial on file &c. : Resolved by this Board, that Messrs.
be appointed commissioners of sewers, to ditch, drain or dyke said land, with all the authority and powers necessary for said purpose.

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[193] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-tertio.*

At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, holden at Hartford in said Colony on the second Thursday of May, (being the thirteenth day of said month) and continued by several adjournments until the fifth day of June next following, annoque Domini 1773.

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, *Deputy Governor.*

Shubael Conant, Esq^{r}, Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r}, Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r},
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r}, William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r},
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r}, Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r},
William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},

Assistants.

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Capt. Thomas Belden, Mr. Silas Dean, for Weathersfield.
Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r], *chosen Assistant*, Mr. Richard Alsop, for Midletown.
Capt. Fisher Gay, Colo. Isaac Lee, for Farmington.
Capt. Josiah Bissell, Capt. Josiah Phelps, for Windsor.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Capt. Dyer Throop, for East Haddam.
Capt. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Elisha Steel, for Tolland.
Capt. Hezekiah Holcomb, Capt. Jonathan Humphry, for Symsbury.
Mr. John Kimberly, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Phineas Lyman, Esq[r], Mr. Alexander King, for Suffield.
Maj[r] Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Charles Elsworth, for East Windsor.
Capt. Thomas Selden, Capt. Joseph Brooks, for Haddam.
Maj[r] Henry Champion, Mr. Daniel Foot, for Colchester.
Capt. Joel White, Capt. Thomas Pitkin, for Bolton.
[194] Mr. Ebenezer White, Mr. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
Mr. Edward Collins, Capt. Ephraim Pease, for Enfield.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Nathan Johnson, for Stafford.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Zerah Kibbee, for Somers.
Capt. Abner Barker, Mr. Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Capt. David Barber, Capt. Obadiah Horsford, for Hebron.
Mr. James A. Hilhouse, Mr. Samuel Bishop, for New Haven.
Mr. Samuel Brown, Capt. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Capt. John Fowler, Maj[r] David Baldwin, for Milford.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Capt. James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Capt. Macock Ward, Capt. Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Mr. Edward Russell, for Branford.
Capt. Jonathan Baldwin, Capt. Timothy Judd, for Waterbury.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. Joseph Hull, for Derby.
Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq[r], Mr. William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Rufus Lathrop, Mr. Benjamin Huntington, for Norwich.
Maj[r] Samuel H. Parsons, Mr. Samuel Selden, for Lyme.
Mr. William Ledyard, Mr. William Avery, for Groton.
Capt. Elnathan Stephens, Mr. Theophilus Morgan, for Killingworth.
Maj[r] Charles Phelps, Mr. Benja. Clark, for Stonington.

Mr. Samuel Mott, Colo. Samuel Coit, for Preston.
Mr. Stephen Chalker, Capt. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, for Fairfield.
Capt. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. Alexander Stewart, Mr. Alex^{r} Fairchild, for New Fairfield.
Colo. John Read, Mr. Hezekiah Sanford, for Reading.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Mr. John Brooks, for Stratford.
Capt. Samuel Starr, Capt. Thomas Stephens, for Danbury.
Maj^{r} John Chandler, Mr. Peter Nichols, for Newtown.
Maj^{r} Charles Webb, Mr. Benjamin Weed, for Stamford.
Colo. Philip B. Bradley, Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgefield.
Mr. Thomas Belding, for Norwalk.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Capt. Joseph Trumbull, for Lebanon.
Capt. John Douglass, Capt. Isaac Coit, for Plainfield.
Mr. Daniel Daviss, Capt. William Danielson, for Killingley.
Capt. Benja. Sumner, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Capt. Isaac Gallop, Mr. Samuel Gordon, for Voluntown.
Colo. Ebenezer Williams, Mr. Samuel Craft, for Pomfret.
Capt. Elisha Child, Mr. Silas Bowen, for Woodstock.
Mr. Phineas Strong, Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, for Coventry.
Mr. Jedediah Strong, Capt. John Marsh, for Litchfield.
Mr. Epaphras Sheldon, Mr. John Cook, for Torrington.
Colo. John Williams, Mr. James Pardee, for Sharon.
Capt. John Ensign, Capt. Samuel Forbs, for Canaan.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Capt. John Wilson, for Harwington.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Mr. Edward Hinman, for Woodbury.
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwell.
Capt. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. Stephen Goodwin, for Goshen.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, Mr. Nathan Eliott, for Kent.
Mr. Joshua Porter, Capt. James Landon, for Salisbury.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Isaac Kellogg, for New Hartford.
Colo. Bushnel Bostwick, Capt. Samuel Canfield, for New Milford.
Colo. Jabez Fitch, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
[195] Ebenezer Stilliman, Esq^{r}, Speaker, } of the House of
William Williams, Esq^{r}, Clerk, } Representatives.

This day being appointed by the royal charter and the laws of this Colony for the Election of the publick officers of the Colony, *viz:* Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants,

Treasurer and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed, and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the aforementioned offices according to law; which persons so appointed were, Shubael Conant, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Samuel Johnson, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{rs} Capt. Fisher Gay, Mr. Silas Dean, Mr. Samuel Bishop, Maj^{r} David Baldwin, Colo. Samuel Coit, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, Mr. John Brooks, Maj^{r} John Chandler, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, Mr. Phineas Strong, Colo. Bushnell Bostwick and Mr. Joshua Porter, who were all sworn to a faithful discharge of that trust.

And the votes of the freemen being brought in, sorted and counted,

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, is chosen Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, is chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

Shubael Conant, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Samuel Johnson, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, Jabez Hamlin, James Abraham Hillhouse, Esq ^{s} were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, is chosen Treasurer of this Colony for the year ensuing.

George Wyllys, Esq^{r}, is chosen Secretary of this Colony for the year ensuing.

[196] The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony, and the oath required by act of Parliament made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of his Majesty George the third, entituled An act for granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America &c., were in due form and manner administered to the Hon^{ble} Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, now chosen Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to the Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, now chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistant's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to Shubael Conant, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger

Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Samuel Johnson, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, Jabez Hamlin and James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq[rs], now chosen Assistants over this Colony, who thereupon took their seats at the Council Board.

The Treasurer's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to John Lawrence, Esq[r], now chosen Treasurer of this Colony.

The Secretary's oath appointed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to George Wyllys, Esq[r], now chosen Secretary of this Colony.

Ordered, That William Samuel Johnson and Robert Fairchild, Esq[rs], return the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev[d] Izrahiah Wetmore for his sermon delivered before the Assembly on the 13th instant, and desire a copy thereof that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon[bl e] Mathew Griswold, Esq[r], to be Chief Judge of the Superior Courts in this Colony the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin and William Samuel Johnson, Esq[rs], to be Judges of the Superior Courts in this Colony for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Huntington, Esq[r], of Norwich, to be a Judge of the Superior Courts in this Colony for the year ensuing, in the room of William Samuel Johnson, Esq[r], resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r], to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq[r], to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

[197] This Assembly do appoint Shubael Conant, Esq[r], to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Williams, Esq[r], to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Esq[r], to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq[r], to be Judge of the County Court in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Talcott, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Midletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Hubbard, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Eliott, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Benedict, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Shubael Conant, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfrett the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

[198] This Assembly do appoint John Williams, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Seth Wetmore, Samuel Talcott and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, Thomas Hosmer, Jonathan Hills, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Elisha Williams, Solomon Wells, Thomas Belden, Josiah Bissell, Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Charles Elsworth jun^{r}, Nathaniel Chauncey, Mathew Talcott, Solomon Whitman, Joseph Hart, Jared Lee, John Strong, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jun^{r}, James Wadsworth, Fisher Gay, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Jonathan Pettibone, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Joseph Wells, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, William Wells, Alexander King, Daniel Cone, Daniel Brainerd, Jabez Chapman jun^{r}, Samuel Huntington, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion of Colchester, David Barber, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert jun^{r}, Ephraim Terry, Joseph Olmsted, Edward Collins, Benjamin Talcott, Thomas Pitkin, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, Samuel Reynolds, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Phineas Lyman, Elisha Steel, Elizur Talcott, Richard Alsop, Titus Hosmer, and Jonathan Wells, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Hubbard, Elihu Chauncey, Thomas Darling and John Fowler, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Daniel Lyman,

Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, David Wooster, Enos Allen, Samuel Hemingway, Samuel Sackett, Joshua Chandler, Simeon Bristol, Caleb Beecher, Nathan Baldwin, David Baldwin, Ephraim Strong, David Ingersoll, Timothy Russell, Charles French, John Daviss, Joseph Hull jun^{r}, Thomas Mathews, Joseph Hopkins, Timothy Judd, Jonathan Baldwin, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Reice, Elihu Hall, Benjamin Hall 3^{d}, Aaron Lyman, Macock Ward, Dan Johnson, Caleb Hall, Oliver Stanly, James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Nathaniel Ruggles, John Burgiss, Samuel Brown, Josiah Meigs, Timothy Todd, Oliver Dudley, Samuel Barker, James Barker, William Gould, Jonathan Russell, Josiah Rogers, Thomas Howell, and Reuben Atwater, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hilhouse, Jeremiah Miller and Samuel Selden, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Gurdon Saltonstall, Pygan Adams, John Murdock, Daniel Coit, Jonathan Lattimore jun^{r}, Joshua Raymond, John Winthrop, John Hempsted, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Humphry Avery, Jacob Perkins, Elisha Fitch, Simon Tracy jun^{r}, Samuel Huntington, Benjamin Huntington, Elisha Lathrop, Elijah Backus, Christopher Leffingwell, Richard Hide, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Daniel Bishop, William Witter, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, Samuel Prentice, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Joseph Denison, Paul Wheeler, Stephen Babcock, Nathaniel Minor, Luke Perkins, Nathan Smith, William Williams, Ebenezer Avery, William Avery, Benadam Gallop, Ebenezer Ledyard, Robert Geer, Benjamin Lee, Samuel Ely, John Lay 2^{d}, George Dorr, Samuel Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather, Hezekiah Whittlesey, John Shipman, Benjamin Williams, Justus Buck, William Worthington, Elnathan Stephens, Aaron Eliott, John Pierson, Theophilus Morgan, Winthrop Saltonstall, and William Noyes, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of New London the year ensuing.

[199] This Assembly do appoint John Read, Samuel Adams, Robert Fairchild and Joseph Platt, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Silliman, John Brooks, Agur Tomlinson, Theophilus Nichols, James Walker, Daniel Fairchild, Ichabod Lewiss, Samuel Odell, Gold Selleck Silli-

man, Lathrop Lewiss, David Burr jun^{r}, Abraham Andrews, Samuel Bradley, David Cooley, Thomas Belding, Thomas Fitch jun^{r}, Samuel Fitch, Elias Betts, Theophilus Fitch, Thomas Youngs, Charles Webb, David Waterbury jun^{r}, Benjamin Weed, John Mead, Peter Mead, Samuel Olmsted, Samuel Smith, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Coley, Thomas Benedict, Joseph Platt Cook, Daniel Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Lemuel Sanford jun^{r}, Henry Lyon, Richard Fairman, John Chandler, Henry Glover, Oliver Tousey, Thomas Brush, Nehemiah Beardslee, Alexander Stewart, Jonathan Sturgiss, Thadeus Benedict, and Henry Peck, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint David Wilcoxson, Messenger Palmer and Reuben Ferriss, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Joshua West, Ebenezer Williams and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Huntington, Esq^{r}, Samuel Gray, Jedediah Elderkin, Nath^{l} Wales jun^{r}, Hezekiah Manning, Jacob Simons, William Metcalfe, Benajah Bill, Isaac Coit, Elisha Payne, John Curtiss, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Thomas Williams, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Jacob Dresser, Thomas Moffatt, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, Robert Dixon, Jeremiah Kinne, Samuel Stewart, Samuel Chandler, Nathaniel Child, Samuel Child jun^{r}, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Abner Sessions, and Solomon Wales, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Clark, Esq^{r}, to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Bushnel Bostwick and Joshua Porter, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Williams, Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everit, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Benjamin Stiles, Thomas Warner, Joseph Peirce, Paul Welch, Samuel Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, John Ransom, Daniel Lee, Nathan Elliott, Ephraim Hubbell jun^{r}, Daniel Griswold of Sharon, James Landon, John Hutchinson, Thomas Chittendon, Charles Burrell, Elisha Baker, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, Abijah Catlin, Daniel

Catlin, John Cook, Epaphras Sheldon, Isaac Kellogg, Mathew Gillett, Michael Humphry, Nehemiah Andruss of Hartland, Samuel Forbs, Zebulon Merrells, Joseph Ruggles, and Giles Pettibone, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

An Act for repealing an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony made and passed at their Sessions held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1770, intituled An Act in Addition to an Act concerning Petitions and Prayers or Memorials to the General Assembly; and also for repealing one other Act of said Assembly made at their Sessions held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1770, entituled An Act in Addition to and Alteration of the said Act entituled An Act in Addition to an Act intituled An Act concerning Petitions and Prayers or Memorials to the General Assembly and also for making Provision for the Tryal and Decision of sundry Matters in Equity.

[200] Whereas it is found by experience, that the provision made in said two acts is not beneficial to the people of this Colony, but fails to answer the ends proposed:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That said two acts be repealed, and they are hereby severally repealed and made void.

Provided nevertheless, That all such petitions and memorials as are now depending in the General Assembly shall and may proceed and be finally determined in the same manner and by the same rules as such causes and matters have heretofore been done since the making the acts aforesaid.

And it is also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all suits for relief in equity, wherein the value of the matter or thing in demand does exceed the sum of five pounds and does not exceed the sum of twenty pounds, shall be heard and determined by the respective county courts in this Colony in the county where one of the parties dwell.

And it is also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all suits for relief in equity where remedy is not to be had at law, wherein the value of the matter or thing in demand does exceed the sum of twenty pounds and does not exceed the sum of one hundred pounds, shall and may be heard and determined by the superior court of this Colony in the respective counties where one of the parties dwell; which suits shall be brought in the same manner by petition or memorial as such matters have heretofore been brought before the General Assembly of this Colony. And the aforesaid superior and county courts are hereby authorized and directed, to take cognizance of all such matters in equity as shall from time to time be brought before them, respectively, pursuant to this act, and shall proceed to hear by themselves or a committee and finally determine the same according to the rules of equity; and that no review or appeal shall be had from the

sentence or decree of such superior or county court therein. And such courts are hereby respectively impowered to inforce such their sentence and decree according to the usage and custom of the General Assembly in like cases ; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

This act to continue in force for the space of three years from the rising of this Assembly, and no longer.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of a Law of this Colony entituled An Act for providing, regulating and mending Highways.

Whereas the method provided by said act for laying out and altering publick highways occasions great and unnecessary expence, and no provision is therein made for laying out private ways for the use of the inhabitants of towns in case the selectmen neglect or refuse to lay out the same: For remedy whereof.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when application is made as by law is already provided to any county court in this Colony, for laying out a new highway or for altering any highway, upon inquiry by a disinterested committee or other evidence, the same is judged by said court to be of common convenience or necessity, such court is hereby impowered to appoint a committee of three disinterested sufficient freeholders to view and lay out or alter such highway, which committee shall give seasonable notice to one or more of the selectmen of the town or towns in which the same is to be laid out, and also set up a notification in writing on the sign-post in such town or towns, at least twenty days before they enter on said service, thereby notifying the owners of the lands and others concerned of the time, place and occasion of their meetings, and shall be under oath to perform said service according to their best skill and judgment, with most convenience to the publick and least damage to private property; and shall ascertain the place and course of such highway, and estimate the damages done to any particular persons by laying out the same, and make return thereof in writing under their hands to said county court, which being approved by the court and recorded, said highway shall be and remain a publick highway, and the [201] charges of || laying out the same, and the damages sustained by any persons thereby, shall be paid and recovered as by law is already provided. And in case any person is aggrieved by the doings of said committee, either in laying out such highway or estimating the damages, the court upon application, before the report of the committee is accepted or any determination made thereon, may enquire into the matter

complained of, by a jury if the party aggrieved desire it, and grant such relief as the case may require: but if it appear that there was no just cause of complaint, the court may order that the person applying shall pay the cost arising thereby, otherwise it shall be paid by the town; and such court may give judgment and grant execution accordingly.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the selectmen of the respective towns in this Colony, or the major part of them, may lay out such publick highways or private ways as they shall judge needful within their respective towns, first giving reasonable notice to the owners of the lands through which the same are to be laid out, or leave such notice in writing at the place of their abode, if within this Colony, to be present if they see cause at the laying out of such ways; and the damages done to such persons by laying out the same shall be paid by the persons applying for such ways, if the same be for their private use only: but if such ways be for the common use of the inhabitants, it shall be paid by the town. And a survey in writing under the hands of said selectmen containing a particular description of such way being made, accepted by the town, and recorded in the records of lands in such town, and satisfaction made to the persons damnified, or the money deposited with the town treasurer for their use ready to be paid to them when they apply for the same, according to an estimate that shall be made by three judicious disinterested freeholders under oath, appointed by an Assistant or justice of the peace for that purpose, or as the selectmen and parties interested may agree, then such ways shall be and remain for the use for which they are laid out.

Provided, nevertheless, That if any person shall be aggrieved by any act done by the selectmen in laying out any public or private way, or by the estimate of the damages, such aggrieved persons may, within eight months after the same is laid out, apply to the county court in the county wherein such town is situated, for relief, causing said selectmen to be duly cited to shew reason, if any be, why such relief should not be granted, which court may enquire of the same by a jury, if the aggrieved party desire it, or by a committee, and grant such relief as shall appear to said court just and reasonable, either by discontinuing such highway or private way, or altering the same, or increasing the damages; and if it appear that there was just cause of complaint, the charges arising thereby and the increase of dam-

ages, if any be, shall be paid by the town or persons for whose use such way is laid out, but if otherwise the said court may order said cost to be paid by the party complaining, and give judgment, and grant execution accordingly. And no highway or private way laid out by the selectmen by virtue of this act through any persons enclosure, who shall declare himself aggrieved by laying out the same, shall be laid open or occupied until the expiration of twelve months after laying out such way, that such persons may have opportunity to apply for relief as aforesaid, and also have time to fence and secure their inclosures.

And be it further enacted, That if the selectmen of any town, upon application, shall refuse or neglect to lay out such private ways as may be necessary for any inhabitants of such town, the county court is hereby impowered, upon application, to cause such ways to be laid out as may appear necessary, in the same manner as publick highways are by this act directed to be laid out, and order the cost of laying out the same, and damages sustained by any person thereby, to be paid by the persons applying for such ways, if the same be for their private use only, but if for the common use of the inhabitants, then to be paid by the town. And each committee-man employed in laying out highways shall be allowed for himself, horse and expences, six shillings *per diem*.

An Act in Alteration of an Act entituled An Act for regulating the Market and ascertaining the Weight of Bunches of Onions.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the weight of each bunch of onions that shall hereafter be offered to sale in this Colony shall be of four pounds and an half weight at least. And whoever shall sell or offer to sale any bunch or bunches of onions that shall not be fully cured, dry, well and firmly bunched, and of four pounds [and] an half weight, shall forfeit each bunch of onions so offered to sale, or the value thereof, and no more, to him who shall complain thereof and prosecute the same to effect; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[202] An Act in Addition to a Law of this Colony entituled An Act for preventing, punishing and removing of Nuisances in Creeks, Rivers and other Water Courses.

Whereas the fishing with hedges or bush-seines in Ousatonnick River disturbs and obstructs the fish in their course and passage up said river, and is found by experience to prevent the catching them in so great plenty as was had before the use of such bush seines:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future no person or persons whatsoever shall make use of any such hedge or bush-seine for catching of fish in said river, or put any such seine into said river, or draw or drive any such bush-seine up or down said river or in any part thereof in the seasons for catching fish, or be any way aiding or assisting therein. And each person who shall be convicted of the breach of this act shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty shillings, one half to the treasurer of the town wherein such conviction is had, and the other half to any person who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act for the preventing, punishing and removing of Nuisances in Creeks, Rivers and other Water Courses.

Whereas the course of fish up Shatucket River, and up Quinebaug River, is continually interrupted by the drawing of seines and other fish-craft, as now practised, which tends to prevent their increase and occasions a great mispence of time, to the injury of the publick:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future no person or persons whatever shall be allowed to use or draw any seine or other fish-craft in either of said rivers, from the rising of the sun on Thursday morning to the rising of the sun on Monday morning in each week, in the months of April, May and June, annually.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall be guilty of any breach of this act, on conviction thereof before any court proper to try the same, each person so offending, or that shall be aiding and assisting therein, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds for the use of him who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for any town adjoining to either of said rivers in which such trespass shall be done, to prosecute by their agent any breach of this act, in which case the fine or penalty recovered shall be paid into the treasury of such town, for the use of said town.

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be taken to prevent the drawing of seines as has been usual on the east side of a small island in Shatucket River, near opposite to the place called Roth's Landing Place, within seven rods distance from high-water-mark, next to and on the easterly side of said island.

Upon a representation of John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Treasurer of this Colony, made to this Assembly of sundry balances said to be due from the several towns in this Colony transferred from Joseph Talcott, Esq^{r}, late Treasurer, to said Treasurer Lawrence, as per list of balances, with the reasons annexed to each how the same become due &c., asking the direction of this Assembly concerning the same: Resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the Treasurer cancel and discharge all said balances contained in said list, except one on the list of 1759, on Plainfield execution, granted for £16 7 1, money less than due; one on the list of 1760, on Canterbury executions, granted for £24 14 7½, less than due; one on the list of 1762, on Durham execution, granted for £10 14 6¾, money less than due and indorsed in full; one on the list of 1758, against Enfield, cast £4 13 9 too little; which four last-mentioned balances said Treasurer is directed to collect.

[203] This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the tenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Colo. Benjamin Hall, deceas'd.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Hall, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the tenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieut. Colo. Elihu Chauncey, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth, jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the tenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Maj^{r} Elihu Hall, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Seymour to be Captain of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Return Strong to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joel Loomiss to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Medad Webster to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Israel Seymour to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Bunce to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Cary to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Morgan to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Kingsley to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Martin Kellogg to be Captain of the tenth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Kilborn to be Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Fitch Hurlburt to be Ensign of the tenth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Mead to be Captain of the company or trainband in Wilton Parish in the town of Norwalk.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Larned to be Ensign of the twelfth company or trainband in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Carty to be Lieutenant of the eleventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Harriss to be Ensign of the eleventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Welch to be Captain of the company or trainband in the parish of Blue Swamp in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Barns to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the parish of Blue Swamp in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Theodore Catlin to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the parish of Blue Swamp in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

[204] This Assembly do establish Amos Jones to be Captain of the 20th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Ransom to be Lieutenant of the 20th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asahel Ransom to be Ensign of the 20th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Catlin to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Heydon to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ashbel Skinner to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Pettibone to be Captain of the sixteenth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Brooks to be Lieutenant of the sixteenth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Titus Bunnel to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Arcelaus Buel to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Litchfield.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Mason to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Litchfield.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Steel to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the town of Tolland.

This Assembly do establish Amos Fellows to be Lieutenant of the north company or trainband in the town of Tolland.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Goodyear to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Goodyear to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Tracy jun^{r} to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Witter to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Tracy jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Comstock jun^{r} to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Waterhouse to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Dart to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish James Huntly to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

[205] This Assembly do establish John Johnson to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Abner Comstock to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish William Matson to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Warner to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Blackman to be Captain of the first troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Wells to be Lieutenant of the first troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Kirtland to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elnathan Nichols to be Quarter-Master of the first troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Robert Hawley to be Captain of the company or trainband in the society of North Stratford in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Zechariah Coe to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of North Stratford in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish David Peat to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of North Stratford in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Henry Summers to be Captain of the company or trainband in the northwesterly part of the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Mallet to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the northwesterly part of the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Nichols to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the northwesterly part of the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Moulton to be Captain

of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Johnson to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zephaniah Alden to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Walker to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Warner to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Bissell to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Tinker to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Burnham to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Geer to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

[206] This Assembly do establish Melatiah Bingham to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Judah Beach to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Silas Dunham to be Captain of the 17th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Cook to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Smith to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Thomas to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hubbart to be Ensign

of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Crary to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Starkweather to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Morgan to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Belding to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel St. John to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Caleb St. John to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Quintard to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Webb jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Whiting to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Hoit to be Captain of the company or trainband in the society of Stanwich in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simon Ingersoll to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of Stanwich in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Mead to be Captain of the new erected company or trainband in the town of Greenwich.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Sherwood jun^{r} to be Ensign of the westermost company or trainband in the town of Greenwich.

This company do establish Richard Kagwin to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

[207] This Assembly do establish James Campbell to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Moses Campbell to be Ensign

of the sixth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Abbott to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Witter to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Adams to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Shaw to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Increase Crosby to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Fitch to be Quarter-Master of the second troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Tarbox to be Captain of the 17th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Dewey to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Beach to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Bulkley to be Captain of the 3d company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asahel Clark junr to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Pinneo junr to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elias Bliss to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Epenetus Platt to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Stone to be Lieuten-

ant of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford.

This Assembly do establish William Gaylord to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford.

This Assembly do establish William Cogswell to be Captain of the company or trainband in the society of New Preston.

This Assembly do establish Morgan Noble to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of New Preston.

This Assembly do establish Jedediah Durkee to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of New Preston.

This Assembly do establish Gad Stanly to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Lankton to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

[208] This Assembly do establish Elijah Franciss to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Starr to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Dibble jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Barnum jun^{r} to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gamaliel Northrup to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Ridgefield.

This Assembly do establish John Judson to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Newtown.

This Assembly do establish John Strong to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Torrington.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Miller to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Torrington.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Heydon jun^{r} to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Denslow to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Joel Loomiss to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Sheldon to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joel Northrup to be Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Coules to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Norton to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Durham.

This Assembly do establish James Robinson to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Durham.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Parsons jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Durham.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Merrell to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noah Kellogg to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Mack to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Rowley to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Gilbert jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

[209] This Assembly do appoint William Hawley of Redding a Surveyor of Lands in the county of Fairfield.

This Assembly do appoint Eli Foot of Guilford to be a Surveyor of Lands in the county of New Haven.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Tully of Saybrook Surveyor of Lands within and for the county of New London.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Silliman of Saybrook Surveyor of Lands within and for the county of New London.

This Assembly do appoint Appleton Robbins of Weathersfield to be Surveyor of Lands for the county of Hartford.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. William Pitkin, Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, and Capt. Jonathan Humphry be

and they are hereby appointed a committee to view and explore the Copper Mines at Symsbury, their situation, nature and circumstances, and to examine and consider, whether they may be beneficially applied to the purpose of confining, securing and profitably employing such criminals and delinquents as may be committed to them by any future law or laws of this Colony, in lieu of the infamous punishments in divers cases now appointed, and at what probable expence the said mines may be obtained for the purpose aforesaid, and make report of what they shall find in the premises to this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer be directed, and is hereby ordered, not to put the bonds in suit that are given by John Merry and Ebenezer Merry, and Simeon Rust and Joseph Pratt junr and Peter Pratt and Joseph Pratt, given to the Governor and Company of this Colony, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in May last appointed George Wyllys, Erastus Wolcott and Benjamin Payne, Esqrs, a committee to procure from Great Britain sixty-four stands of arms &c. at the expence of this Colony, for the use of the military company called the Governor's Guard, and to be and belong to the Colony and kept for that purpose, and said committee having now informed this Assembly that they have procured said arms, which are now ready to be delivered to such person or persons as this Assembly shall appoint to receive said arms &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said committee be directed to deliver said arms and the accoutrements provided and paid for by this Assembly to the Treasurer of this Colony, and take his receipt therefor and lodge the same with the Secretary of this Colony. And the Treasurer is hereby directed and impowered to receive said arms of said committee and to give his receipt as aforesaid, and that said Treasurer take care of and cause said arms to be deposited in some convenient safe place, and that he from time to time, as shall be needful, deliver said arms to said company when requested by the commission officers of said company for the purpose of military exercises to be performed by said company; and said commission officers are hereby directed to take effectual care that said arms be carefully used by the company under their command and returned to said Treasurer after said exercises are over.

[210] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer of this Colony, purchase a bill or bills of

exchange to the amount of one hundred and fifty pounds, sterling payable in London, and deliver the same to his Honour the Governour, who is desired to transmit the same to Thomas Life, Esq^r, the Colony's Agent in England, for account of the Colony.

An Act for the Naturalization of Don Gabriel Sistera.

Whereas Don Gabriel Sistera, a native of Barcelona in the Kingdom of Spain, now resident in New London, hath by his petition preferred to this Assembly prayed to be admitted to the privileges of his Majesty's subjects within this Colony: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said Gabriel Sistera, having taken the oaths of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration by law appointed, be, and he is hereby declared to be, naturalized and entituled to all the privileges, immunities and advantages of his Majesty's English subjects born within this Colony, as fully and effectually, to all intents, constructors and purposes whatsoever, as though he, said Gabriel Sistera, had been born within the dominions of and subject to the King of Great Britain: excepting only such privileges and immunities as by law are not competent to foreigners who have been or are naturalized.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Messrs. Silas Dean, Richard Alsop, John Chenevard and Capt. William Worthington be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to receive the sums to be raised by lottery granted for erecting buoys and other monuments on Saybrook Bar, for the more easy and safe navigation over said bar, and having received said sums the same to lay out for the purpose aforesaid according to their best discretion. And said committee are also hereby impowered and directed, if they see cause, to use and improve for the said purposes the stone remaining of the old Fort at Saybrook, and their account to render to this Assembly when said business shall be accomplished or they required thereto.

Whereas a sum of money is necessary for payment of incident charges of government:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of twelve thousand pounds in bills of credit on this Colony equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations, as the committee herein appointed shall direct, and of the same tenor of the late emissions, without interest, payable at or before the first day of June,

1775, and dated the first of June next. And William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Benjamin Payne and Elisha Williams, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care that said bills be imprinted with all convenient speed, and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And the said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust. And the said Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the orders of this Assembly.

And for providing and establishing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax of one penny on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony, according to the list thereof brought into this Assembly in October, 1772, with the additions, which tax shall be collected and paid into the treasury of this Colony by the last day of December, 1774; also a further tax of one penny on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony, according to the list thereof to be brought in to this Assembly in October next, with the additions, which tax shall be collected and paid into the treasury of this Colony by the first of June, 1775; which taxes may be discharged by paying any of the bills of credit on this Colony or lawful money. And the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send forth his warrants for collecting the same accordingly.

[211] Upon the memorial of Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman and William Samuel Johnson, representing that having been appointed a committee of this Assembly to procure a piece or pieces of plate to be presented to Richard Jackson, Esq^{r}, and having employed Abel Bewel of New Haven to make and fashion said plate and advanced to said Buel as stock for that purpose £38 3 8½, he proceeded therein, but being unable to finish the same so soon as was wished, and it appearing to said committee that a large duty would be payable on said plate if sent from this country to England, they had disingaged themselves from said Buell and purchased bills of exchange to the amount of the sum granted by this Assembly for said purpose, and remitted the same to London, to be there laid out in such plate, and are now obliged to pay for the same, but said Buell is at present unable to repay said sum so advanced to him as aforesaid,

and that a small sum of 13*s*. 6*d*. charge hath arisen upon the purchase of said bills; praying that the said sums may be advanced to them by the Treasurer of this Colony till the said sum of £38 3 8½ can be collected, at the risque of the memorialists, of said Buell &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of £38 17 4 be advanced to the memorialists by the Treasurer of this Colony: provided nevertheless, that the said committee shall repay into said treasury the said sum of £38 3 8½ after having had a reasonable time to collect the same of said Buell.

Whereas Alexander Graham, a prisoner in the common goal in the county of Fairfield, stands convicted of burglary but hath not yet received the punishment by law inflicted for that offence, and it appears that the said Alexander is a soldier who hath deserted from his Majesty's twenty-eighth regiment, into which he cannot be again received if he should suffer the legal punishment for the crime aforesaid, and his Majesty's commander-in-chief hath signified his readiness to receive the said Alexander, provided he may be sent to him without any marks of infamy: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the county of Fairfield be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver the said Alexander Graham to his Majesty's commander-in-chief in America, or to such person as he shall appoint to receive him. Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby further resolved by this Assembly, that if the said Alexander shall again desert his Majesty's service and be found in this Colony, that the said judgment and sentence now in force against him shall be forthwith carried into execution.

Upon representation being made to this Assembly by James Harper of East Windsor, that he is now liable to be committed to goal on two executions in favour of the government, and that the monies due on said executions is likely soon to be paid, requesting forbearance &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Thomas Seymour, Esq^{r}, King's Attorney for Hartford county, take security for said moneys and interest and all costs arisen thereon, payable within two months, and thereupon discharge the executions aforesaid.

Whereas the General Assembly held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1772, upon the memorial of Mathew Talcott, Esq^{r}, George Philips and others, inhabitants of the towns lying upon and adjoining to Connecticut River, representing that the navigation into and out of said river is difficult, expensive and dangerous, by reason of bars and

shoals of sand not sufficiently described and known at the mouth of said river, and that buoys and water-marks may be erected and maintained on said bars and shoals, so as to render easy, safe and cheap, the navigation into and out of said river &c., did resolve that the memorialists should have liberty to set up and carry on a lottery or lotteries, amounting to such sum as by drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize or out of the whole may raise the sum of three hundred and thirty seven pounds: And whereas it is now represented to this Assembly that the said sum of three hundred and thirty-seven pounds will be too small to attain the ends in said act proposed: Resolved by this Assembly, that said [212] memorialists || shall have liberty to set up and carry on a lottery or lotteries, amounting to such sum as by drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize or out of the whole may raise the sum of five hundred and thirty-seven pounds, and that the same persons named as managers in said former act shall be managers of this lottery, subject to the same restrictions, regulations and provisions in said former act contained and provided.

On the petition of Ebenezer Fitch of Norwich, *vs.* Eliphalet Dyer, praying for a committee &c., to which the said Dyer consents and agrees: Whereupon it is resolved, that Messrs. Jeremiah Miller of New London, and Samuel Mott of Preston, and Capt. Joseph Trumbull of Lebanon, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into the matters of complaint in said petition mentioned, and also to adjust and settle whatever of the demands of the said Dyer against the said Fitch, which they shall judge have not already been fairly and reasonably adjusted, settled and closed; and further to take into consideration the matter of complaint of the said Fitch in said petition, respecting the lands the said Dyer attached of the said Fitch, and the said Fitch afterward conveyed to the said Dyer in payment and satisfaction of the debts and demands the said Dyer had and has against the said Fitch upon the agreement of the said Dyer with the said Fitch entered into on the account of the said Dyer's taking said lands according to their written agreement lodged with Samuel Huntington, Esq^{r}, for that purpose, and all subsequent transactions of the said Dyer relative thereto, as also the whole conduct and transactions of the said Fitch and Dyer about the same lands since the said Dyer's attaching the same, as also the truth of the matters complained of in said petition; and their report thereof make with their opinion of what they esteem to be just and right from either of the par-

ties to the other on the premises, to the General Assembly at their sessions at New Haven in October next.

Upon the petition of Samuel Grant and John Kneeland of Boston, against Samuel Tozer of Colchester and Silas Dean of Weathersfield, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1771, representing to said Assembly that the petitioner had taken by executions and attachments certain lands of the said Samuel Tozer lying in said Colchester, and had the same apprized off in full satisfaction of three several judgments for debt in their favour against said Tozer; that said Tozer held said lands by deed of release from said Silas Dean, and that said Tozer after said executions were levied procured said deed to be destroyed unrecorded, in order to defraud and defeat your petitioners of their said debts &c.; praying for relief &c., as per petition on file; said Assembly at their session in May last appointed Joshua West, Benjamin Huntington and Samuel Selden, Esq^{rs}, a committee to enquire into the facts alledged in said petition and make report according to law: And whereas said committee have made report to this Assembly at their session in October last, that said Silas Dean in pursuance of a decree of the General Assembly executed a deed of release to said Samuel Tozer of the lands afterwards taken by said execution, and delivered said deed to John Waters, Esq^{r}, the town-clerk of said Colchester, said deed bearing date the 25th day of July, A.D. 1769, and gave notice thereof to the petitionees attorney, who secured him £14 0 0 therefor; that the petitioners, having levied their said executions, brought their action of disseizin and recovered the possession thereof; that said Tozer afterwards, with design to defeat the title of the petitioners to said lands, ordered said deed to be taken up out of the hands of said town-clerk unrecorded and delivered back to said Silas Dean, and that said Dean received and destroyed said deed, the same having never been recorded, and that said Tozer hath no other estate to satisfy said executions &c.; and thereupon said committee further report as their opinion, [213] that in justice and || equity a copy of said deed of release which your petitioners procured attested by said John Waters, Esq^{r}, while said deed lay in his hands ought to be recorded in the town records in said Colchester, and a copy of such records admitted as evidence in any court &c., as by said memorial and report on file more fully appears, which report is by this Assembly approved, and the same is hereby approved and accepted: And thereupon it is further resolved by this Assembly, that the town-clerk of said town of Col-

chester may and do receive said copy of said deed of release from said Silas Dean to said Samuel Tozer, bearing date the aforesaid 25th day of July, 1769, and record the same at full length in said town records of Colchester, and that the same being so recorded, or an attested copy of such record, shall and may be admitted and given in evidence in any court of law or equity, as evidence of a legal transfer of the title of the lands therein contained from said Silas Dean to said Samuel Tozer, in the same manner as said original deed might have been given in evidence had the same been duly recorded.

Upon the petition of Ralph Pomeroy and Eleazer Pomeroy, both of Hartford in Hartford county, against Pantry Jones, Abigail Kilborn and Peletiah Pierce, all of said Hartford, shewing that the said Eleazer had executed to said Abigail on the 29th day of July, 1763, two notes of hand, one for the sum of £120 0 0, and the other for 112 16 0, all lawful money, which two notes, on the 27th day of August, 1764, were put in suit, by which your petitioners estate, goods and chattels were taken by said Jones and Pierce of more value than sufficient to pay the same, which they, the said Jones and Pierce, by consent of said Abigail have sold and disposed of, and converted to their own use, or lost and destroyed, and refuse to apply the same, and new actions have been brought against said Eleazer on the same, in one of which there is a judgment rendered, and the other is still depending in court; that your petitioners have brought their action for the goods and chattels aforesaid against said Jones and Pierce, which is also depending in court, that your petitioners may be allowed the interest for said goods &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Oliver Wolcott of Litchfield, Elihu Chauncey of Durham, and Richard Alsop of Midletown, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power, to call said parties together and fully to hear and examine them concerning the said taking, converting, losing or destroying said goods and chattels, and the interest thereon, and concerning one of said notes, (to wit,) that which is now depending in court, the other being sold, and make their report of what they find in the premises, and their opinion of what in equity and good conscience ought to be done, to this or the next next General Assembly to be holden at New Haven in October next.

Upon the petition of James Merret, of Barkhamsted in the county of Litchfield, representing that Jonathan Pettibone of Symsbury in the county of Hartford, one of the

proprietors of the common and undivided lands of said Symsbury, and the rest of the proprietors of the common and undivided lands in said Symsbury, brought their action against the petitioner by writ, dated the 11th day of April, 1770, to the county court held at Litchfield in the county of Litchfield on the fourth Tuesday of April, 1770, which action by sundry legal removes came to the superior court held in said Litchfield on the last Tuesday save two of August, 1772, at which court judgment was rendered in favour of said proprietors against the petitioner for the surrendry of the land demanded in said writ and cost; complaining of error in said judgment of said superior court: Resolved by this Assembly, that said superior court in proceeding to and rendering the said judgment complained of manifestly erred and mistook the law, and the said judgment of said superior court is hereby reversed and set aside, and that the petitioner recover his damages sustained by means of said erroneous judgment, being the sum of £7 2 0, lawful money; and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to issue an execution in favour of the petitioner against said Jonathan Pettibone and the rest of the proprietors of said common and undivided lands for said sum. *Ex. granted Decem.* 21*st*, 1773.

[214] Upon the petition of Phineas Lyman, Esq^{r}, against Ebenezer Allyn, Esq^{r}, &c.: It is resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the Colony pay the petitioner the sum of £110 3 4, and the interest thereon from the 16th of February, 1763, to this time, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly. And Josiah Bissell, Richard Alsop and Isaac Lee, Esq^{rs}, are appointed a committee to hear, examine and report to the next General Assembly the matter alledged in said petition, so far as concerns the order therein mentioned drawn on one Enos Lane for £450 0 0, on which is said to remain due the sum of £74 0 0; and the further consideration of the said petition is referred to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven in October next.

Upon the petition of Samuel Talcott, Esq^{r}, and others, creditors to the estate of William Nichols late of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing that James Nichols, brother of the said William, was bound for him, the said William, in a large sum, that for his indemnity he took a bond of the said William and a deed of sundry valuable pieces of land in said Hartford, that the said James still insists, notwithstanding, to be let in as a creditor in full upon said bond without any allowance for said lands, and thereby delays the settlement

of said estate among said creditors, which is insolvent; praying for a committee &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed, who have now reported that said lands were deeded to the said James as an indemnity for his becoming bound &c., and that the sums by him paid for the said William surmount the value of said lands the sum of £74 4 0, lawful money, &c., which said report of said committee is now accepted and approved &c.; and the said James now further moves and claims that said lands were also deeded to him to secure him further sums due as he says from the said William's estate which were not considered by said committee &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the court of probate allow to the said James the said sum of £74 4 0, and enter the same with the rest of the creditors of said estate, and make out to him his average thereon accordingly. And it is also further resolved and ordered, that the said James may, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to call out the same committee aforesaid, at his own expence, to hear him upon his further claim against said William's estate, and they are hereby appointed for that purpose; and if they shall find anything further due to him thereon, that they do exhibit the same to the said judge of probate, who shall receive and enter the same as aforesaid in the same manner as though the same had been by the commissioners appointed upon said estate at first.

Upon the petition of Robert McLeave of Chatham in said Colony, against Joseph Church junr and Barnabas Hinsdale, both of Hartford in said Colony, administrators of the goods and estate of Samuel Farnsworth, late of said Hartford, deceas'd, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1772, shewing that said Samuel at his death was largely indebted on book and sundry notes to him, and that he was likewise indebted to said Samuel on two judgments, one in favour of said Samuel obtained before the adjourned county court holden at Hartford on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1765, for £14 4 9½ damages and £1 5 1 costs of suit, on which said administrators have brought a *scire facias* against said McLeave, the other for about £14 0 0 in favour of one Pettibone, which said Farnsworth had purchased; praying that said administrators may be compelled to discount and offset said mutual debts; on which petition Elihu Chauncey and Erastus Wolcott, Esqrs, and Capt. Dyer Throop, a committee appointed in said May sessions, 1772, on said petition, having now reported that said Farnsworth at his death was justly indebted to said McLeave on book and notes in the

sum of £41 13 1½, lawful money, and that said McLeave was indebted to said Farnsworth on said two executions or judgments and on book the sum of £40 15 10½, and that said debts ought to be offset and discounted against each other, as per report on file, which report is now accepted and approved: Resolved by this Assembly that said mutual [215] debts shall be ‖ offset and discounted against each other, and that said administrators, upon said McLeave's releasing and discharging them from his said notes and books, shall release and discharge him from any demands they have against him on said two judgments and on said deceased's book accounts, and that said *scire facias* commenced and depending against said McLeave at law shall cease and be no further prosecuted.

Upon the petition of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1772, praying for an act of insolvency &c., on which petition in October last Ebenezer Williams, David Burr and John Brooks, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee to enquire into the matters in said petition alledged, and make report &c.; and said committee having now made report to this Assembly at their present sessions, which report is not accepted by this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said committee be reappointed, and they are hereby reappointed on said petition, and directed again to notify all concerned, and re-examine the several matters in said petition contained, with the peculiar circumstances of the attaching creditors, and their report make of what they shall find in the premises, with their opinion thereon, to this Assembly at their sessions in October next; and the further consideration of said petition is referred to that time; and that the person and estate of the said Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, shall not be liable to any arrests for any debt due from him before the date of said petition until after the rising of the Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Richard Alsop, of Midletown in Hartford county, preferred to the General Assembly held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1772, shewing that Samuel Farnsworth, late of said Hartford, deceased, at his death was indebted to him in the sum of ninety-seven pounds ten shillings, lawful money, and that he owed said Samuel ninety-seven pounds ten shillings, lawful money, for a loss on a certain policy of insurance, and praying that Joseph Church jun^{r} and Barnabas Hinsdale, both of said Hartford, administrators of the estate of said Samuel, may be decreed and

ordered to offset said debts against each other; on which petition Elihu Chauncey and Erastus Wolcott, Esq[rs], and Capt. Dyer Throop were by said Assembly in May last appointed a committee to examine and report &c., who have now reported that said Alsop owed said Samuel at his death £97 10 0, lawful money, and that said Farnsworth at his death was justly indebted to said Alsop in the sum of £111 7 1½, lawful money, and that said debts ought to be discounted and offset against each other, as per report on file, which report is now accepted and approved: Resolved by this Assembly, that said mutual debts shall be discounted and offset against each other, and that said administrators of said Farnsworth, upon said Alsop's discharging them from his said debt against said Farnsworth, shall release and discharge him, said Alsop, from all demands they might have against him on said policy of insurance.

Upon the petition of Silas Dean against Joseph Forbs, John Lawrence, Roger Newberry, Esq[rs], and Capt. George Pitkin are hereby reappointed a committee to hear and examine said petition and to make report to the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of John Braddick of New London, against Ezekiel Fox and others his creditors, praying to be freed from imprisonment &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. James Mumford, John Hartell and Silas Church, of New London, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to hear, examine and report on the matters alledged in said petition, and the petitioner in the meantime shall not be liable to any arrest for debts from him due at the time of preferring said petition.

[216] Upon the petition of Elisha Royce of New Haven, praying for an act of insolvency in his favour &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of said petition and the report of the committee thereon be continued to the session of this Assembly in October next; and the body and estate of the said Royce is hereby protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due and owing from the said Royce to any of his creditors, parties to this petition, till the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Solomon Clark against William Hall: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be and the same is hereby continued to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, and that the judgment, execution and action mentioned in said

petition be and they are hereby suspended to the rising of said Assembly.

Upon the petition of Joshua Phelps, of Harwington in Litchfield county, against Joseph Webb, of Weatherfield in Hartford county, and others, shewing to this Assembly that by reason of great losses and misfortunes he has now become unable to pay all his just debts in full; praying for relief, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Strong, Abijah Catlin and Epaphras Sheldon, Esq^{rs}, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to hear and examine the matters alledged and referred to in said petition, and make their report thereon according to law; and the person and estate of the said Phelps is hereby freed and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due and owing from said Phelps to any person or persons, parties to this petition, until the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Elisha Seymour against Joseph Talcott, Esq^{r}, alledging that as collector of the Colony tax for the year 1762, he paid to the petitionee, then Treasurer, £28 18 8½, money, for which he had no credit &c.; upon which petition a committee was appointed, who report that they do not find that said sum was ever paid to the petitionee, as per report on file, and said report being accepted: It is resolved, that the petitioner take nothing by his petition. *Cost allowed respondent is* £8 14 0. *Ex. granted July 19th*, 1773.

Upon the petition of John Hotchkiss, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that from the year 1752 until the year 1764, he, together with Hezekiah Hotchkiss then in company, had large dealings with John Eliott, Esq^{r}, late of said New Haven, during which time he sold to said Eliott shop articles, together with provisions, lumber &c., to the amount of £1649 16 3½, old tenor, before the beginning of the year 1766, and since that time in lawful money to the amount of £29 19 5, and that said Eliott being a merchant about the 30th of January, 1754, sold and delivered to the petitioner and said Hezekiah in company in goods to the value of £1000 0 0, old tenor, for which the petitioner and said Hezekiah gave their note or obligation to said Eliott payable with interest; that it was the mutual understanding of the parties that the goods sold by the petitioner and said Hezekiah to said Eliott as aforesaid should go in payment of said note; that, notwithstanding, said Eliott had put said note in suit against the petitioner; praying that said book-debt duly supported go in payment of said note, as per

petition on file; upon which John Whiting and Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, and Mr. Thomas Howell were appointed a committee, who find that on the 31st day of December, 1755, the accounts of said company and the petitioner's account against said Eliott amounts to £1649 16 3½, money old tenor, which over balances all said Eliott's account and note, and also leaves a considerable balance in favour of the petitioner, who are of opinion said book-debt ought to be applied in payment of said note, which report is accepted: And it is there- [217] upon || resolved by this Assembly, that said book-debt of £1649 16 3½, or so much of the same as is sufficient to balance said note of £1000 0 0 in favour of said Eliott, be applyed in payment thereof, and the same is hereby decreed to go in payment and satisfaction of said note accordingly; and a copy of this resolve shall be full evidence of the same both in court and country; and that no cost shall be allowed in court in the case depending on said note to either party.

Whereas Charles Caldwell, of Hartford in Hartford county, hath preferred his petition to this Assembly against James Caldwell of Hartford, complaining of sundry matters and doings of said James against him, and there not being time to hear the same now: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be continued, to be heard before the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be convened at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, and that all proceedings on the matters therein alledged and complained be suspended in the mean time.

Upon the petition of Samuel Stone Butler of Harwington: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of said case with the report of the committee thereon be and the same is hereby continued to the session of said Assembly in October next; and the person and estate of said Butler is hereby protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due from said Butler to any of his creditors, parties to this petition, till the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Reynold Marvin, of Litchfield in Litchfield county, Esq^{r}, shewing that he is now indebted to divers persons in considerable sums, which he is at present unable to pay; praying for relief in the premises: Oliver Wolcott, Increase Mosely and Daniel Sherman, Esq^{rs}, are hereby appointed a committee to look into and hear all the matters mentioned and referred to in said petition, and their report of what they find in the premises with their opinion thereon to make to this Assembly at their sessions in Octo-

ber next; and the body and estate of the said Marvin is hereby protected and freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due and owing from said Marvin to any creditor or creditors, parties to this petition, until the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Ezekiel Pierce against Samuel Steward: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jabez Fitch, William Williams and Elisha Payne, Esq[rs], be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire about the receipt of twenty-nine pounds one shilling taken for money paid by the petitioner to William Robertson on said execution in said petition mentioned, and about said receipts being lost and any mistake in not allowing the same made by said arbitrators in said petition mentioned, and every thing and matter relative thereto, in order that justice may be done, and report thereof make according to law, with their opinion thereon.

Memorandum: Ezekiel Pierce, of Plainfield in the county of Windham, preferred his petition, dated the 15th day of April, 1771, against Samuel Steward, of Voluntown in the county of Windham, which is now lying before the Assembly to be heard &c. The petitionee moved that bond for prosecution &c. on the part of the petitioner might be given, which motion is allowed of, and thereupon the petitioner, said Ezekiel Pierce, and Thomas Moffatt, Esq[r], of Killingley in said Windham county, appeared before this Assembly and acknowledged themselves to stand bound and indebted, jointly and severally, to the Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut in the sum of thirty pounds, lawful money, to be paid to said Treasurer upon condition that the petitioner, the said Ezekiel Pierce, doth not prosecute his said petition to effect and shall not answer all damages if he make not his plea good.

[218] Whereas upon the petition of Ebenezer Keeny and Judson Burton, both of Darby in the county of New Haven, late merchants in company, otherwise called Keeny & Burton merchants in company, against Joseph Jackson &c., representing that by various losses in trade and divers misfortunes they are reduced in their affairs and become unable to pay their just debts, and praying for an act of insolvency in their favour &c., Joseph Hull, Charles French, Esq[rs], and Capt. John Wooster, all of said Derby, were by this Assembly in October last appointed a committee to examine and consider the matters in said petition contained and relative thereto, which committee have reported a state of the affairs of

said company, by which it appears that the debts due from said company amount to the sum of £508 19 6¼, and their credits and personal estate to £357 14 7½, so that there is a balance against said company, and they are insolvent in the sum of £151 1 10¾, which has been occasioned by great losses at sea and grievous sickness in the families of the petitioners, and said committee have given it as their opinion, that said petitioners upon their delivering up all their estate for the benefit of their creditors ought to be discharged from their said debts &c., as per said report on file appears; which report is accepted and approved with this alteration, that the future estate which may be acquired by the petitioners be liable and subject to the payment of said debts: It is thereupon resolved and by this Assembly enacted, that Joseph Hull, Charles French, Esq[rs], and Capt. John Wooster, all of said Darby, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power and authority to receive from said Keeney & Burton a conveyance of all their estate and effects of what nature soever, for the use and benefit of their creditors; and upon said petitioners delivering and conveying to said trustees all their estate and effects with all their papers and accounts relating to any debts due to them, for the aforesaid use, they are hereby impowered and directed to proceed with and dispose of said estate and effects in the same manner as trustees appointed by force of a late law of this Colony passed in the General Assembly holden at Hartford in May, 1765, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors, were enabled and directed to proceed with and dispose of the estates of insolvent debtors; and that the said Keeney & Burton, and each of them, be and they are hereby entituled to all the benefits, privileges and freedom from arrests which insolvent debtors, conforming to said act, are entituled to; and that this resolve and act shall be a sufficient warrant to any officer to discharge them or either of them from any arrest on account of any such debt or debts.

Upon the petition of Josiah Phelps, against John Lewiss &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of this petition be and the same is hereby continued to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, and that said judgment and execution be and they are hereby suspended until the rising of said Assembly.

Upon the petition of William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, of Hartford, late sheriff of the county of Hartford, shewing that in the month of January, 1765, an execution was issued by the then Treasurer of this Colony against one Jonathan Chipman of Salisbury, one of the constables of said Salisbury and a collector of the Colony tax, for the sum of £307 1 9, lawful money; that said execution was afterwards delivered to the petitioner, then sheriff as aforesaid, who delivered the same into the hands of his deputy, Capt. John Coleman late of said Hartford, deceas'd; that there was nothing paid thereon to him or his said deputy, and that since said execution by some accident or other is lost and cannot be found; praying for a committee &c., as per memorial &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed to examine and report &c., and said committee having now reported that [219] said execution is probably lost, that the same was ‖ issued for said sum of £307 1 9, at first against said Chipman, that there is now due from him as a collector aforesaid the sum of £257 2 4, including the lawful interest to the first day of May, 1773 &c., which said report is now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony do and shall issue an execution in common form against the said Chipman, collector as aforesaid, for the sum of £257 2 4, lawful money, with the interest thereon from the first of May instant, and that the same go forth against him accordingly as so much yet remaining due from said town of Salisbury on the rate assigned to him to collect.

Upon the petition of Joseph Church, Elihu Humphry, Asaph Humphry and Nathaniel Humphry, against Rachel Dowe, Andrus Dowe and Lidea Dowe, of Albany, executors of the last will and testament of Volkert Dowe late of said Albany, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that said executors before the superior court held at Hartford on the first Tuesday of March, 1770, recovered a judgment against the petitioners for the sum of £278 10 10, York money, damages, and £7 19 6, lawful money, cost of suit, upon a note given by the petitioners to said Volkert deceas'd in his life time, when a considerable part of said note was paid to said Volkert in his life time by peltry, furs &c., which by the sudden death of said Volkert were not by him endorsed &c., as per petition on file; on which petition a committee was appointed to examine the facts alledged in said petition and report &c.; which committee report that they, having duly heard and examined the several matters alledged in said

petition, find that there has been sundry payments made to said deceas'd in his life time in peltry, fur &c., which has not been applyed, and having carefully examined said accounts, note, and computed the interest thereon to the first day of Nov. 1772, are of opinion that there is due to the estate of said Volkert deceas'd the sum of £129 12 6, New York money, on said execution with the cost therein contained and officer's fees thereon, and no more, which is the whole that is due to the estate of said deceased from the petitioners on any account; which report being accepted: It is resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the petitioners, upon their paying to said executors said sum of £129 12 6, New York money, damages, contained in said execution, and the cost and officer's fees thereon, be and they are hereby discharged from the remainder of the sum contained in said execution; and said executors are allowed to inforce said execution against said petitioners only for said sum of £129 12 6, York money, damages, and the cost therein and officer's fees thereon.

Upon the petition of Clement Minor of Stonington, against David Dewey and others, his creditors, preferred to this Assembly in May, 1772, representing that by losses he is rendered unable to pay his just debts; praying to be freed from arrests &c. for any debts from him owing &c., as per memorial on file; on which petition Charles Phelps and Stephen Babcock, Esq^{rs}, and Capt. Phineas Stanton were appointed a committee to hear, examine and report according to law, who have reported to this Assembly, that by various misfortunes he is become unable to pay his just debts; that he is indebted to sundry persons to the amount of £150 0 0; that his whole estate, exclusive of his household furniture, does not exceed £28 8 0, L. money, and about £738 6 10, old tenor, being in small debts due to him in this and Rhode Island Colony, most of which are probably not collectible; that his household furniture does not exceed the value of £40 0 0; which report is accepted and approved by this Assembly: And it is thereupon resolved, that the petitioner by a legal instrument under his hand and seal duly executed shall assign and make over unto Stephen Babcock, Esq^{r}, and Capt. Phineas Stanton, trustees for that purpose hereby appointed and impowered to receive such assignment for the use of his creditors, all his estate real and personal, both in law and equity, except his said household furniture. And upon such assignment being made according to the true intent of this act and a certificate

thereof under the hands of said trustees being given, the petitioner shall not be liable to any arrest or imprisonment for or on account of any debts by him owing on the 6th day of May, 1772, being the time when his said petition was preferred to this Assembly. And a copy of this act and a certificate under the hands of said trustees shall be a suffi-
[220] cient warrant to discharge the ‖ petitioner from such arrest. And the said trustees are hereby impowered to proceed in the settlement of the estate of said insolvent in the same manner as trustees appointed by a late act of insolvency in this Colony were impowered to proceed: provided nevertheless, that the future estate of said insolvent shall be subjected to the payment of his debts.

Upon the petition of Philip Daggett, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he has been a person in trade, and by reason of sickness and other misfortunes he hath become insolvent and unable to pay the whole of his debts; that he is indebted to sundry persons and is under confinement in goal; praying that trustees may be appointed for the purpose of receiving his estate for the benefit of all his creditors, and that he be afterwards freed from any arrest of his body &c., as per petition on file; on which John Whiting, Daniel Lyman and Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee, who find that the petitioner is unable to pay his just debts, and are of opinion that he should be exempted from any imprisonment or arrest of his body on account of any debt which he owed at the time of preferring his petition, as per report on file, which report is accepted: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that said Daggett make an assignment upon oath of all his estate both in law and equity unto John Whiting, Daniel Lyman and Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, all of New Haven, who are appointed trustees for that purpose for the benefit of all his creditors in proportion to their several demands; and that upon said Daggetts assigning over his estate as aforesaid he be released and discharged from his present confinement, and be hereafter freed and exempted from all and every arrest of his body for or on account of any debt due or owing from him at the time of preferring his petition; and that such estate as he may hereafter acquire be liable and subject to the payment of his debts.

Upon the petition of Ebenezer Martin, of Ashford in Windham county, presented to the General Assembly held at Hartford in May, 1772, shewing to said Assembly that by reason of misfortunes, sickness and otherwise, he was

reduced to a state of poverty and unable to pay his debts, and praying that he might be liberated from all arrest for his said debts on his delivering his estate into the hands of trustees for the benefit of his creditors &c.; which petition was continued to the Assembly held at New Haven in October, 1772, at which time said Martin had liberty to cite in his creditors to said October Assembly, to shew reason, if any they had, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, and said Martin's creditors were duly cited accordingly; at which Assembly said Martin appeared to prosecute his said petition, and no objection being made, said Assembly appointed Messrs. Edmund Freeman, Constant Southworth and Elijah Fenton a committee to enquire into the matters of said petition and to make report of what they should find with their opinion thereon; which committee having undertaken said trust have reported to this Assembly, that they gave due notice to said Martin's said creditors, and having met according to said notice, that sundry persons appeared and exhibited their particular accounts of debts due to them respectively from said Martin, amounting in the whole to the sum of £ , lawful money, on several obligations to the persons in said report mentioned, and interest on the obligations given therefor; and said committee further report, that they have examined said Martin under oath respecting his estate, and that they find it to consist of two acres and 147 rods of land lying in Ashford aforesaid, one acre and five rods of which including his dwelling-house is mortgaged to Benjamin Walker of said Ashford for about £12 0 0, lawful money, the whole of which land and house is valued at £60 0 0, lawful money, and two notes of hand to him, both [221] amounting to £20 6 0, lawful money, ‖ with interest from each of their respective dates, which said committee report is all the estate they find said Martin is possessed of, except an old mare and some few articles of household furniture which they judge necessary for his support; and said committee further report, that as said Walker's debt is well secured by said mortgage, it is their opinion that said Walker's debt be first paid out of said Martin's said estate, and thereupon said Walker ought to be obliged to reconvey said mortgaged land for the use of said creditors; and said committee also report it is their opinion, that it is reasonable, on said Martin's delivering all his aforesaid estate, excepting as before excepted, for the benefit of his said creditors, that his person should be forever hereafter liberated and freed from all, every or any arrest, attachment or imprisonment, for or

on account of any of his said debts now due to any and every of his aforementioned creditors, as by said petition, acts of Assembly thereon, and said committee's report on file do appear, which said report is by this Assembly approved and accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner by some proper conveyance to Messrs. Edmund Freeman of Mansfield and Elijah Fenton of Willington, who are hereby appointed trustees for that purpose, convey and assign over all his aforesaid real and personal estate, excepting as in said report is excepted, for the use and benefit of his said creditors, and that said trustees having so received said estate do pay to said Walker said sum for which said house and one acre and five rods of said land were mortgaged to him, and that upon said trustees paying or tendering to pay to said Walker said sum said Walker be obliged by some proper conveyance, within two months next after said payment or tendery, to convey to said trustees said mortgaged estate for the purpose aforesaid, or within said term pay to said trustees the sum of £90 0 0, lawful money, for the use and benefit of said creditors; that said trustees, upon said Walker's neglect and refusal to convey said mortgaged lands or pay said £90 0 0, as aforesaid, be and they are hereby impowered to sue for and recover said sum of £90 0 0, for the use of said creditors, by proper action by them brought for that purpose, and that said estate being so conveyed and assigned such trustees are hereby impowered to proceed with and dispose of said estate in the same manner as trustees appointed by force of a late law of this Colony in May, 1765, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors, were enabled and directed to proceed with and dispose of the estate and credits of insolvents; and that the petitioner thereupon be and hereby is entituled to all the benefits, privileges and freedom from arrest which insolvent debtors conforming to said act were entituled, and that he be freed and discharged, and he is hereby declared to be not liable unto any arrests, attachment or imprisonment, for any of his debts now due to any of his aforesaid creditors.

Upon the petition of Joshua Belding, Robert Wells and Joshua Andruss, of the society of Newington in the town of Weathersfield in the county of Hartford, and the rest of the inhabitants of said society, against David Smith and Hannah Smith his wife, both of Hadly in the county of Hamshire and

Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing that Mary Willard of said Newington, late deceased, on the 17th day of May, 1759, made and executed her last will and testament, and therein gave and bequeathed a legacy of eighty pounds, lawful money or the value thereof, to be improved forever, that is the yearly value thereof, for the encouragement of schooling in said society, or for the benefit of the poor, at the direction of the Rev^{d} Joshua Belding, Capt. Robert Wells and Deacon Joshua Andruss of said society, and their successors, as a committee for said purpose, to be chosen or appointed by the surviving two when one of them shall be removed by death, and so said committee to be continued; since which said Mary died and said will has been duly proved and approved, and that all the debts and legacies of said Mary deceas'd are paid except said eighty pounds legacy, and that there is no personal estate of said Mary deceas'd wherewith to pay said legacy; as per petition on file, on which a committee were appointed, who report that they find the facts as stated in said petition respecting said will, and that said Mary made said Hannah residuary legatee; that all the debts and legacies of said Mary were paid except said legacy to the petitioners; that all the personal estate of said Mary is expended into £1 12 1, and that the real estate of said Mary lying in said Newington amounts to £334 13 4, of which said David in his life time with said Hannah took possession and had the improvement until his death, which [222] happened about October, 1772, and by said ‖ Hannah ever since said David's death, who holds and claims the same, notwithstanding said legacy has been often requested &c., as per report on file, which report being accepted: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioners have and recover to the value of eighty pounds, lawful money, out of said real estate, at the apprizement of Col. Isaac Lee, Thomas Hosmer, Esq^{r}, and Mr. Lodowick Hotchkiss, who are hereby impowered to apprize the same, out of such part and in such manner, of said real estate, as to do justice to the petitioners and petitionee; and the said Hannah is hereby ordered to deliver up, quit-claim and release by deed to the petitioners said eighty pounds worth of said real estate to be apprized as aforesaid, to be improved for the use and purposes mentioned in said deceased Mary's will, within two months from the rising of this Assembly, on penalty of forfeiting to the petitioners the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds, lawful money, to be recovered out of said Mary's estate, to be improved for the purposes mentioned in said Mary's will;

unless said Hannah shall choose to pay said eighty pounds in money, and do in fact pay said eighty pounds, money, within two months from the rising of this Assembly.

Upon the petition of Thomas Willson of New London, against William Potter of New London, preferred to this Assembly in May, 1771, representing that one Morte Sullivan, a foreigner, had a note against one David McCullum of St. Croix; that said Sullivan died at the house of said Potter intestate, and left said note in his hands and left no heirs; that the petitioner being bound to the West Indies received said note of said Potter and gave his receipt to collect the monies or return the note to said Potter; that he arrived at St. Croix in the year 1767, and found said McCullum dead, and applied to the dealing court, so called, in said island to procure payment of said note, when said note was received and registered, and that he has never received any part of said debt; that said Potter brought his action against him on said receipt, and before the superior court held at Norwich the fourth Tuesday of March, 1771, recovered judgment against him for the whole sums of said note, being three hundred and sixty pieces of eight and costs; praying for relief &c.; on which petition a committee was appointed in May, 1772, who reported to this Assembly in October last and found said matters to be true as alledged in said petition, and that the petitioner received an order for the payment of said sums on a debtor of said McCullum, but that they supposed 'twas probable said order had not been paid, but as the same remained uncertain gave it as their opinion that said petition should be continued to this time, and on the petitioner's procuring evidence that said order had not been paid that the said judgment should be made null and void and never be carried into execution; and also that one other suit depending in the superior court in the name of William Noyes against Thomas Mumford and Thomas Allen, founded on a receipt given to said Noyes by said Mumford and Allen for not delivering a quantity of rum taken by said execution against said Willson, should not proceed but be dismissed &c., as per report on file, which report is accepted and approved, and said Willson having now procured satisfactory evidence that said order has never been paid: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that said judgment and execution had and recovered against said Willson be and the same is hereby vacated, and no execution shall ever be granted thereon; that said suit depending before the superior court in the name of said Noyes against said Mumford and

Allyn be dismissed without costs, and that no recovery shall ever be had on said receipt.

Upon the petition of Sylvanus Bishop, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, against William Field, John Murry and Jacob Watson, merchants in company, Isaac Adolphus, James Fine, Thomas Grant and John Fine, merchants in company, James Brown, Thomas Pearsall and Samuel Delaplaine, executors of the estate of Joshua Delaplaine deceased, all of the city and Province of New York, Richard Alsop of Midletown, Roger Sherman, Esq^{r}, Jonathan Mix, Timothy Tuttle, Eneas Munson and William Mather, merchants in company, John Hubbard and David Atwater, merchants in company, Joseph Munson, Isaac [223] Jones, || David Wooster, Esq^{r}, Enos Allen and Thomas Howell, merchants in company, Moses Wells, Abraham Bradley and Joseph Adams, all of New Haven, Thomas Dowd of Guilford, a committee was appointed by the General Assembly at their sessions at New Haven in October, 1772, who have made report, that the said creditors being notifyed did not appear; that the petitioner is unable to pay his debts &c.; which report is accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that upon the petitioner's assigning and making over unto Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, of New Haven, and Nathan Beers, all his estate real and moveable in law and equity, excepting his tools necessary for carrying on his business and trade of a house-joiner, and apparel, and household furniture necessary for upholding life, for the use and benefit of his creditors in proportion to their debts, the body of the petitioner shall be and it is hereby exempted and discharged from any arrest or imprisonment on account of any debt due to the said creditors at the date of the petition preferred by the petitioner.

Upon the petition of Elisha Shelton, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, representing that he for a valuable consideration paid to John Stevens jun^{r}, late of said Stratford, deceased, received of him a conveyance of the one half of a piece of land in said Stratford and dwelling-house at a place called the Narrows, said land being in quantity about twelve acres, and was formerly the home-lot of John Stevens of said Stratford, which conveyance was dated the 21st day of June, 1770, at which time said John Stevens jun^{r} was said to be under an overseer &c.; whereupon a committee was appointed by the Assembly in May, 1772, who have made report that the petitioner hath paid to said John Stevens jun^{r} for and towards the purchase of said half of said house and

home-lot the sum of £91 15 2, lawful money, which sum was for necessaries for said John Stevens junr and advanced upon the request of Daniel Bunnel of said Stratford, the reputed overseer of said John Stevens junr, and upon his express agreement that the petitioner should have said half of said house and land in satisfaction for said advancement, and that Ruth Stevens of said Stratford, administratrix of the estate said John Stevens junr, pay to the petitioner the said sum of £91 15 2, within one month from the rising of this Assembly, and if said sum is not paid, and the petitioner pay to said Ruth for the heirs or creditors of said John deceased the sum of £18 4 10, then said deed of conveyance from said John deceased to the petitioner be confirmed; which report is accepted and approved: And thereupon it is resolved, that if the said Ruth Stevens do not pay unto the petitioner the sum of £91 15 2, lawful money, within six months from the rising of this Assembly, and the petitioner upon her failure of making such payment do pay unto the said Ruth for the use of the heirs or creditors of said deceased John Stevens junr the sum of £18 4 10, lawful money, and that within eight months from the rising of this Assembly, then said deed of conveyance made by said John Stevens junr to the petitioner of the one half of said house and land shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, good and valid and shall have the same force, effect and operation in law as if said John Stevens junr had not been, or had not been reputed to be, under an overseer.

Upon the petition of Elisha Pitkin, administrator on the estate of John Dalliber late of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges against said John's estate surmount his moveable estate the sum of £58 13 2½, money, and that the real estate of said deceas'd consists only of a dwelling-house, shop and about three roods of land, inventoried at £150 0*s.* 0*d.* money, and is in decay and cannot be parted, and that the heirs of said John are minors &c.; praying for liberty to sell said whole messuage &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Elisha Pitkin be, and he is hereby, impowered to sell the whole of said real estate, excepting the dower of said John's widow in said estate, and to give ample deeds thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate therein, and after paying said debts and charges due from said estate and incident charges, to pay or secure to the children and heirs of said John deceased or their guardians to each their just part and proportion of the surplus which said real estate shall fetch.

[224] Upon the memorial of Joseph Tuller of Symsbury, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony tax for the town of Symsbury in the year 1759, that he made several large payments to the Treasurer and that they were all credited to him on the Colony book excepting one payment the 24th of March, 1763, amounting to £60 15 0¾, money; praying this Assembly that he may be credited on said Colony books for said sum: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be allowed and credited said sum of £60 15*s*. 0¾*d*. on said Colony books with the interest that has arisen thereon, and that the memorialist be put to no further trouble or cost therein.

Upon the memorial of Ezekiel Williams, sheriff of the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he finds himself, notwithstanding his constant and diligent application to the duties of his office, unable to fulfill and discharge the business thereof and answer the demands of the publick upon him without further assistance than at present is allowed him by law; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sheriff be and he is hereby allowed and liberty is granted unto him to authorize, impower and depute five more discreet persons than is already allowed him, to serve as deputies under him in and throughout the county of Hartford.

Upon the memorial of William Beebe and Joseph Arnold, representing to this Assembly that they have carried on a fishery in Moodus Cove, so called, for more than forty years; praying that same may be confirmed &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Henry Champion, Esq^{r}, Capt. Christopher Holmes and Capt. Abner Comstock be and they are hereby appointed a committee to view and examine the state of the fishery in said cove in Salmon River and in Connecticut River near the mouth of said cove, notify all persons interested in said fisheries, and report their opinion what regulations will be most expedient for the best advantage of the publick and the persons concerned in the fisheries there: all at the costs of the memorialists.

Upon the memorial of Robert Jameson of Voluntown, preferred to this Assembly in October last, shewing that he is confined in Windham county goal at the suit of the Colony of Connecticut, praying for a committee to examine and enquire into his matters &c., whereon a committee was appointed, which committee have now reported the facts they find in said cause, as per said report fully appears, and their opinion thereon &c., which report is accepted and approved

&c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that there be abated to said Jameson the sum of £70 0 0, lawful money, with the interest, parcel of the same due to him on said rate-bills at the time of his commitment, and as he alledges lost and become desperate since, which leaves £14 11 0 of said desperate debts, about which sum appears yet collectable, and also abate the whole interest on the remaining principal sum, which has arisen since his commitment; and that the town of Voluntown be authorized to secure, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to take and receive said security payable in one year with interest for what shall then appear to be due on said rates and necessary costs after the aforementioned abatements are made, on condition said Jameson shall indemnify said town therefor as far as he is able; and thereon said Treasurer is directed to dismiss and discharge said Jameson from his imprisonment. And if said Jameson will not comply on his part, he shall not be intituled to any other or further favour in the premises.

[225] Upon the memorial of Joseph Church and others, selectmen of the town of Hartford, and Isaac Lee jun^{r} and Fisher Gay, agents for the town of Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that the highway running on the line between the towns of Hartford and Farmington was procured by deeds of release to the Governor and Company of this Colony of one rod and one half of land on each side of said line, since which said highway in some places is found impassible by reason of swamps and ponds &c., and that it is necessary to alter said highway in some places by exchange &c., and there being no person authorized for that purpose, praying that some meet person or persons may be appointed and authorized for the purposes aforesaid: Resolved by this Assembly, that Thomas Hosmer, Esq^{r}, and Abijah Colton, of Hartford, and Fisher Gay and James Wadsworth, Esq^{rs}, of Farmington, be appointed and fully impowered to exchange said highway where it shall be found necessary, by giving and receiving deeds of the adjoining proprietors of said highway &c.: all at the expence of said towns of Hartford and Farmington.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Talcott and John Lawrence, Esq^{rs}, of Hartford, and others, representing to this Assembly that, at the expence of a few particular persons, the landing place at the great river hath been much enlarged and made very convenient, and that by the current and wearing of said river it is in danger of being ruined &c. if not defended by publick aid; praying for liberty to set up a lottery for that

purpose: Resolved, that the memorialists have liberty and they are hereby allowed and impowered, to set up and carry on a lottery or lotteries amounting to such a sum as drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize or out of the whole may raise a sum of three hundred pounds and no more, and that the managers each and every of them shall be liable and answerable for the payment of every prize ticket that shall be signed by them or any of them for the sum that each ticket shall draw, and that the sum and neat proceeds that shall be raised by said lottery be paid by them into the hands of John Pitkin, Erastus Wolcott and Josiah Bissell, Esq^{rs}, to be applied and improved according to their best discretion and judgment in securing and defending the landing-place mentioned in said memorial. And the said John Pitkin, Erastus Wolcott and Josiah Bissell, Esq^{rs}, are hereby appointed a committee for that purpose, and to render an account of their doings in the premises to this Assembly when thereto required. And Messrs. John Chenevard, Solomon Smith and Joseph Church jun^{r} of Hartford are hereby appointed managers and directors of said lottery, and shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust, and they are hereby impowered to plan and dispose the scheme of the lottery, to manage and order the same according to their best judgment and skill, taking care that publick notice be given of the time and place of drawing the same; and if the said sum is not raised, and the tickets cannot be sold, the managers shall return to the adventurers the money paid for the tickets, and the charge arisen shall be borne by the memorialists. And the said managers shall give publick notice, as soon as may be.of the prizes, and shall pay off such prizes on demand: provided nevertheless all benefit tickets not claimed in twelve months after drawing the same and publick notice of the prizes drawn being made shall be considered as generously given by the fortunate owners to the stock raised by said lottery, to be paid over and applied to the same purpose as the sum raised by said lottery is herein before appropriated. And all persons are hereby informed that, if they become adventurers in said lottery, they are to consider said managers and not the Colony as responsible to them in consequence of their adventuring in the same. Provided nevertheless, that said lottery do not commence before the fifth day of October next, and that the managers of said lottery do not expose any tickets to sale until after that time, and that the drawing of said lottery shall commence drawing within eighteen months next after the said fifth day of October next

and be finished within two months after said eighteen months, unless the managers shall find it impracticable to dispose of a sufficient number of said tickets, in which case they shall return to the purchasers the monies received for the sale of tickets.

Upon the memorial of Ezra Smith and Benjamin Sumner, agents for the town of Ashford, shewing to this Assembly that two of the collectors of the Colony tax for said town have proved insolvent, in consequence of which said town have been obliged to secure to said Colony about £400 0 0; [226] that on the 17th ‖ day of June, 1772, said town by their agent gave bond to the Colony Treasurer for £244 4 9, of which there remains due about £135 0 0, which they are unable to pay at present; praying that the Treasurer may be directed to desist putting said bond in suit until the rising of this Assembly in May next; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly. that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed not to institute any suit on said bond until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of selectmen of Hartford *vs.* Colony Treasurer, praying that said Treasurer may be directed to suspend sending execution against said selectmen for the balance of a rate due from the town of Hartford to said Treasurer on a Colony rate of which Elihu Wadsworth was collector &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Colony Treasurer be and he is hereby directed not to issue execution against said selectmen for the balance of said rate until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the memorial of James Hillyer and Sarah Hays, executors of the last will and testament of George Hays late of Symsbury, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges and legacies with some small allowances to the widow of said deceas'd surmounts the moveable estate of said deceased the sum of £48 4 9, L. money, for the payment of which sum no provision is made by the last will and testament of said deceased; praying liberty that some meet person or persons may be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may be sufficient to raise said sum of £48 4 9, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jonathan Humphry, Esq^{r}, be and he is hereby impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be sufficient to raise the said sum of £48 4 9, lawful money, with the incident charges

arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein; to be used and improved for the purpose abovesaid.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the society of Westfield in the town of Midletown and county of Hartford, praying that a place might be established for building a meeting-house in said society: Resolved by this Assembly, that the act of the General Assembly in October, 1771, affixing the place for building a meeting-house in said society, be and the same is hereby repealed and set aside. And it is further resolved, that the place affixed by the Assembly in October, 1767, for building a meeting-house in said society shall be and the same is hereby established to be the place for building a meeting-house upon in said society.

Upon the memorial of Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r}, Mathew Talcott, Esq^{r}, Richard Alsop, Esq^{r}, and Nathaniel Gilbert, selectmen of Midletown, shewing to this Assembly that one William Starr of said Midletown was collector of the country rate for said Midletown for the year 1760; that said rate amounted to £2623 9 4½; that said Starr paid into the Colony treasury the whole of said rate except the sum of £28 2*s.* 9¼*d.*, lawful money; that many years since said Starr was lost at sea, and that rates to the amount of more than £60 0 0 remain uncollected on said rate-bill, of which more than £30 0 0 are due from persons not able to pay five pounds, and capable to take the oath provided by law for poor prisoners; praying for an abatement of said balance due on said rate, and the interest thereof, as per memorial on file, dated May 20th, 1772: Resolved by this Assembly, that said sum of £28 2 9¼ shall be abated to said selectmen, and [227] the interest thereof; and the ‖ Treasurer of this Colony is ordered to allow and give credit to the account of said Starr with this Colony the aforesaid sum of £28 2 9¼ and the interest arisen thereon since the first day of September, 1767, accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Bailey, of Chatham in said Colony, and Mary his wife, she being administratrix of the goods and estate of Abraham Knowles late of said Chatham, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from said estate with some allowance to the widow of said deceas'd made by the judge of probate for the district of Midletown, exceed the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £28 13 11, lawful money; praying some meet person may be appointed to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise and procure said sum with incident charges &c., as

per memorial on file, dated May 15th, 1773: Resolved by this Assembly, that Ithamar Pelton of said Chatham be and is hereby authorized and appointed to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise and procure the sum aforesaid with incident charges of sale, and to account with said Abraham and Mary for the same; taking the direction of the judge of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the report of the committee appointed to explore the Copper Mines at Symsbury, and to consider whether they may be beneficially improved to secure and employ criminals and delinquents convicted of burglary &c.; which committee having reported that the same are now under lease for nineteen years, that the said lease may be purchased for about £60 0 0, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. William Pitkin, Majr Erastus Wolcott and Capt. Jonathan Humphry be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee with full power, to agree with the proprietors of said mines or the lessees thereof to receive, keep and imploy in said mines such criminals as may by law be sentenced to such punishment, or to purchase in the remaining term in said leases for such purposes, and according to their best discretion effectually to secure said mines, suitably to employ such persons as may be there confined by order of law.

Upon the memorial of the Governor's Guard, shewing to this Assembly that in procuring their standard, drums, fifes &c., and in paying instructors &c., they have expended the sum of £36 6 0½, money, for the use of the Colony, for which they have heretofore had no allowance; praying that the same may be paid them, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the Colony be and he is hereby ordered and directed to pay to said memorialists said sum of £36 6 0, money, out of the Colony treasury.

Upon the memorial of Elinor Spencer and David Spencer, of Windham, administrators on the estate of Mr. John Spencer late of said Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceased the sum of £119 14 4, lawful money, for the payment of which they have nothing in their hands &c.; praying that some meet person or persons may be appointed and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to raise said sum and the incident charges of said sale &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. Zebulon Hibbard, of said Windham in Windham

county, be and he hereby is fully impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £119 14 4, lawful money, and the incident charges of said sale; taking the direction of the judge of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Aaron Pease of Enfield, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony rate for the town of Enfield in the year 1761, and paid up the whole [228] of said rate but has not the credit on the ‖ Treasurer's book &c., as per memorial on file, on which memorial a committee have been appointed and report that the matters therein alledged are true: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby discharged from said rate, and the Treasurer is ordered to balance the same in the Colony books.

Upon the memorial of George Eliott &c., selectmen of the town of Killingsworth, shewing to this Assembly that the Treasurer of the Colony hath issued a warrant against them in their said capacity on a balance appearing by the Treasurer's book to be due on the rates or taxes against said town in the years 1747, 48, 49 and 50, and committed to Samuel Stevens to collect; that said Samuel deceased in the year 1751; that the administratrix has since deceased; that the same has been in all probability paid, &c.; praying that said warrant may be recalled &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be directed and he is hereby directed, to recall said warrant and balance said account against said town of Killingsworth in said treasury books.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Mansfield, by their agent Constant Southworth, shewing to this Assembly that said town are indebted to the Colony Treasurer the sum of £107 17 10¾, lawful money, being the balance due as principal on a bond executed by Nehemiah Eastabrook and Experience Storrs in behalf of said town; praying this Assembly to order and decree that said Treasurer shall not put said bond in suit until the first day of June in the year 1774, or such other future time as this Assembly shall think proper, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed not to put said bond in suit until the first day of June in the year 1774.

On the memorial of Isaac Sheldon, administrator on the estate of Capt. Daniel Sheldon late of Hartford, deceas'd, praying for liberty to sell the real estate of the said deceas'd

to the amount of £567 9 1, lawful money, to discharge the debts due from said estate and incident charges of such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and it is hereby granted to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £567 9 1, lawful money, for to enable the memorialist to pay said debts with incident charges of sale arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford in the sale of said estate.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Smith and others, administrators on the estate of Joel Dodge late of Canterbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate amounts to £511 19 3, and that the real estate of said deceas'd amounts to £358 11 9; that the deceased desired that the whole estate should go to his wife &c.; praying that the said lands may be applied to pay said debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Benjamin Smith of Canterbury be and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as amounts to £77 12 6, L. money, for payment of said debts; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Pettibone of Goshen, shewing that he is indebted to the Governor and Company of this Colony, and praying that lands might be taken for the payment thereof: Resolved by this Assembly, that Maj^{r} Oliver Wolcott be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to take from said Pettibone a legal conveyance of lands to the Governor and Company of said Colony sufficient to pay [229] and ‖ answer the whole of what he is indebted to said Colony either by execution or otherwise, at the apprizal of indifferent freeholders mutually to be chosen by said Wolcott and the said Pettibone; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed not to send out execution against said Pettibone until the first day of September next; and upon his receiving said conveyance as aforesaid, to cancel all the debts due from said Pettibone to said Colony: but in case the same is not done within the time aforesaid, the said Treasurer is hereby ordered immediately after said first day of September aforesaid, to enforce the payment of said debts and to cause the lands of said Pettibone to be taken for that purpose in due course of law.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Andrews of Hartland, executor of the last will and testament of the Rev^{d} Starling

Graves late of said Hartland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that several years ago he, the said Starling, inlisted himself a soldier in the service of this Colony, and receïved the government bounty, and that by means of bodily illness he failed to go into said service; upon consideration whereof, and out of a tender concern to do justice he, the said Starling, in his last sickness gave and delivered to the memorialist one certain horse, and ordered and directed the memorialist to dispose of said horse and the avails thereof pay to the Treasurer of the Colony, and that he had since the death of said Starling sold said horse for the sum of twelve pounds, money; and further shewing that the people of said Hartland by the death of the said Mr. Graves are left destitute of a minister, that they are few in number and want aid to enable them to resettle the gospel among them, and praying to have the said sum said horse sold for given to said town for the purpose aforesaid: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be directed and he is hereby ordered and directed, to pay the sum arising on the sale of said horse to the treasurer of the said town of Hartland, taking his receipt therefor, to be improved for the purpose of settling a minister in said town of Hartland, and in no other way.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Andrews and others, inhabitants of the easterly part of the town of Hartland, shewing to this Assembly that the said town of Hartland is divided near the middle by a river and deep valley running northerly and southerly through said town, which renders it inconvenient for them to enjoy privileges with the people of said town living on the west part of said town, and that the Rev^{d} Starling Graves, late of said Hartland, deceased, by his last will and testament bequeathed unto the said inhabitants belonging to the easterly part of said Hartland certain parcels of land to be by them improved for the support of the gospel ministry among them, and that other lands have been given and appropriated for publick uses in said easterly part of said town, and that no way having been provided to enable them to manage and improve said lands, and praying that the inhabitants of said town of Hartland living on the east side of the aforesaid river may be formed and incorporated into an entire and distinct district for the purpose of improving said lands for the use said lands were given, and also for the purpose of erecting school-houses and supporting and managing school or schools within the same as need shall require; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that all the inhabitants living on the east side of the

aforesaid river in the said town of Hartland be, and they are hereby, incorporated into one entire and distinct district, for the purpose of improving the aforesaid lands lying in said easterly part of said town for the purposes for which said lands were especially given, and also for the purpose of erecting school-houses and supporting schools within the same; and that they shall forever hereafter have and exercise all the powers and authorities, and enjoy all the privileges and immunities, which ecclesiastical societies in this Colony have and do enjoy, so far as relates to the matters aforementioned.

Upon the memorial of Philena Whiting, administratrix on the estate of John Whiting late of New London, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the Assembly at their sessions in May last impowered the memorialist to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as should raise the sum of £412 18 7, to pay debts due from said deceas'd, since which other debts due from said deceased have appeared, to the amount of £48 8 10, making in the whole £461 7 5, and that the real estate of said deceas'd is so situate, being a peninsula or neck of land called Massapege, in great part sur-[230] rounded with water, that part thereof cannot be sold ‖ without great prejudice to the whole &c., and praying for liberty and authority to sell the whole of said real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Philena Whiting, administratrix, be and she is hereby fully impowered to make sale of the whole of the real estate of said John Whiting, deceased, under the incumbrance of the widow's dower therein, taking direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein. And it is further resolved, that the memorialist give bond with surety to the judge of probate for the district of New London, to refund and pay to the lawful heirs of said John Whiting deceas'd, to whom it belongs, the overplus of the avails of said estate that shall be raised by the sale thereof over and above what is sufficient to pay the debts due from said deceas'd with incident charges arising on such sale.

Upon the memorial of James Boies, of Milton in the county of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusets Bay, administrator on the estate of Oxenbridge Thatcher &c of said Milton, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said deceased in his said will ordered his lands in Mansfield in Windham county to be sold and impowered his executors to sell the same, but said executors refused to accept said trust &c.; praying for liberty and authority to sell said lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly,

that said James Boies, administrator with the will annexed, be and he is hereby authorized and fully impowered to sell and dispose of all the lands and real estate of said deceased in said town of Mansfield, as mentioned in said will, and give ample deed or deeds of sale thereof to the purchaser or purchasers; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Haven, representing to this Assembly that having taken under their care Dan Mansfield of said New Haven, for idleness &c., and having in May last obtained a decree authorizing Messrs. Joshua Chandler and Stephen Ball to sell so much of said Dan's real estate as might raise the sum of £124 11 3, the amount of his debts then brought in, that the only estate they could sell for raising said sum was said Dan's house and home-lot, which they sold at £165 0 0, lawful money, that the debts since brought in amount to £39 12 2; praying said Chandler and Ball may be impowered to give a deed of the whole of said house and land sold as aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Joshua Chandler and Stephen Ball be impowered, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to sell the whole of said house and land, and with the avails pay and discharge said debts: and if any overplus remain, the same to be applied for the support of said Dan.

Upon the memorial of John Durkee of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that by order of the commanding officer he expended £6 15 0 in advertising, detecting and recovering soldiers that deserted the first regiment of the Colony in the year 1761 and 1762, which hath never been paid, and praying the same may be paid him &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay, and he is hereby ordered to pay, unto the memorialist said sum of £6 15 0, for said sum expended by him as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Phebe Smith of Voluntown, administratrix on the goods and estate of John Smith late of said town, deceas'd, and of Nathaniel Galusha of Kent, representing to said Assembly that said deceas'd for the consideration of eighty-four pounds received to his satisfaction sold to said Galusha eighty-four acres of land in said Kent, butted and [231] bounded as of || record appears, lying on the north side of the west pond and adjoining thereto, it being all that part of the fifty-second lot which is left after Josiah Caswell's is taken off, and of which the said deceas'd never gave

the said Galusha a deed but gave him a bond with penalty, bearing date the 27th of Nov. 1769, to execute a deed thereof, which never was done; praying that said administratrix, or some meet person, may be impowered to give a deed of the premises to said Galusha, as per memorial on file dated 20th May instant: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Phebe Smith be authorized to execute a deed of said land for transferring to said Galusha all the right and title which was in said deceas'd; which deed, or the record thereof, shall be as good and valid for conveying the same as if made and executed by said Smith deceas'd in his life time.

Upon the memorial of Brewster Higley junr, of Symsbury, representing to this Assembly that as conservator of the person and estate of Silence Griffin of said Symsbury, that in supporting the said Silence there hath been expended over and above her earnings, and for which she is indebted, the sum of £11 19 3, lawful money, an account whereof was exhibited to the county court held at Hartford April term, 1773, and allowed and approved by said county court, and that the said Silence hath no estate except unimproved lands which can be used no other way than by sale thereof, and praying this Assembly to impower some meet person to sell so much of the said lands as shall procure said sum of £11 19 3, lawful money, with incident charges arising on such sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that so much of the real estate of the said Silence may be sold as to raise the sum of £11 19 3, lawful money, and that Brewster Higley junr of said Symsbury be impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Silence as shall procure said sum of £11 19 3, to be used and improved for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Smith and William Lay, of Lyme, praying for a committee to view the circumstances of the fishery in the Back River, so called, the rivers, coves and creeks leading by and to Smith's Neck, so called, in Lyme, and that the fishery there may be regulated by law, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. Joseph Mather and Capt. Dan Marvin of Lyme be and they are hereby appointed a committee to view the circumstances of the fishery and enquire into the manner of carrying on the same in said rivers, coves and creeks, notify all persons interested, and report what they shall find, with their opinion of the best manner of regulating the fishery therein, to the next General Assembly: all at the cost of the memorialists.

On the memorial of Return Strong, administrator on the estate of Reuben Miller, late of Windsor in the district of

Hartford, deceas'd, praying for liberty to sell the real estate of the deceas'd to the value of £31 13 4, lawful money, with incident charges of sale, to defray the debts due from said estate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted that the said memorialist have liberty, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £31 13 4, lawful money, with incident charges of sale arising thereon; to be sold by the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford, for the payment of said debts and charges.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Bushnel of Norwich, praying for the payment of his postage account, which account has been referred to a committee to allow and adjust, which committee has reported that they have inspected, considered and liquidated said account, and find due to said Bushnell on his account up to the third day of May, 1773, the sum of twenty pounds ten shillings, lawful money, which ought to be paid out of the Colony treasury, as per memorial and report on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay said sum of twenty pounds ten shillings, lawful money, to said Bushnell accordingly.

[332] Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Grant of East Windsor, shewing to this Assembly that in November, 1762, one Gurdon Munsel of said East Windsor, a poor man, was committed to goal for several country rates due to this Colony, amounting to £3 6 4, lawful money; that in pity to said Munsel and with a view to save the Colony said sum the memorialist took said Munsel out of goal and undertook to pay said sum, provided said Munsel should live to serve him the term he should be bound to him by the county court for the payment [of] this and his other debts, and the memorialist gave his obligation therefor accordingly, and in consequence thereof the said Munsel was bound in service to the memorialist for the term of five years; that the said Munsel [was] soon afterwards taken sick and fell into a consumption, of which he languished until his death which happened in about two years after his being bound as aforesaid, and was unable to render to the memorialist any services whereby to enable him to pay anything for said Munsell; and praying that said sum in said obligation contained may be abated to him, as by memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be abated the said sum of £3 6 4 in his said obligation contained, and the same is hereby accordingly

abated to him; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to cancel the said obligation accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin, William and Christopher Ellery, all inhabitants in the Colony of Rhode Island, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May, 1772, against the inhabitants and listers of Colchester, per continuance comes to this session, representing that the said listers for the year 1770 had wrongfully fourfolded them for their land in said Colchester the sum of £624 16 0; praying that said fourfold might be abated the sum of £468 12 0, and reduced to a true single list of said estate, *viz.* £156 4 0, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said fourfold be and the same is hereby abated the sum of £468 12 0, and reduced down to a true single list of said estate, *viz.* the sum of £156 4 0, and that all rates or taxes granted or made on said fourfold shall be abated accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Quotcheath and others belonging to the Massatucksett tribe of Indians in Groton, shewing to this Assembly that the General Assembly in May, 1761, resolved and ordered that said tribe should hold nine hundred and eighty-nine acres and sixty-eight rods of land as laid down on a plan made by Mr. Hemsted, in severalty from the proprietors of Groton; praying the boundaries may be ascertained and said number of acres of land set off to them by meets and bounds, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Mott, Esq^{r}, be and he is hereby appointed, at the cost of the memorialists, to divide off and apart to said Indians said quantity of acres of land, and to erect suitable bounds between them and the proprietors of Groton, according to said act of Assembly in May, 1761; and that said lands being so aparted and boundaries erected and made as aforesaid, the said Indians shall be quieted in the possession of said lands according to the true intent and meaning of said act.

Upon the memorial of the society of Orford in Hartford in the county of Hartford, by their agents Timothy Cheeney, Richard Pitkin and Ward Woodbridge, shewing that said society had agreed to build a new meeting-house in said society, that a stake had been fixed for that purpose which was disagreeable to the majority of the inhabitants of said society; praying for a committee to view the circumstances of said society and affix a place for the building of said meeting-house in the most convenient place &c., as per [233] memorial &c.: || Resolved by this Assembly, that Charles Webb and Samuel Mott, Esq^{rs}, and Mr. Jedediah

Strong be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to repair to said society of Orford and view the same with its circumstances, and hear all parties concerned, and to affix the most convenient and proper place therein for the building of a meeting-house in said society, and make report of their doings in the premises with their opinion thereon to this or the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven in October next.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Keyes and others, inhabitants of the towns of Pomfret, Killingley and Woodstock, shewing to this Assembly that in the said towns there are twelve large military companies of foot and no troop of horse, and that they are desirous of having the liberty of inlisting and raising a troop of horse out of said companies and other inhabitants in said towns of Pomfret, Killingley and Woodstock, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be, and liberty and authority is hereby given, to enlist and form a troop of horse of the inhabitants of said towns of Pomfret, Killingley and Woodstock, with the same privileges and under the same regulations as other troops of horse in this Colony by law have; taking the directions and orders of the colonel of the regiment within which said towns are, as to choice of officers in said troop.

Upon the memorial of William Brewster, of Windham in the county of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony tax of the town of Windham for the year 1759, and that he has fully settled and paid said tax to the Treasurer of this Colony, and that there is sundry taxes included in said rate that said Brewster has settled and paid to said Treasurer that were never abated nor allowed to said Brewster, and that the said Brewster hath not ever been able to collect any part thereof, to the amount of £18 1 9, lawful money; praying that the Treasurer of this Colony may be ordered and directed to pay said sum out of the treasury of this Colony to the said William Brewster, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby ordered to pay out of the Colony treasury to the said William Brewster the said sum of £18 1 9, lawful money.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Tredway of Midletown, administrator on the estate of Susannah Rockwell late of said Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmounts the personal estate of said deceased the sum of £49 0 1¼, lawful money, for the

payment of which no provision is made; praying that some suitable person might be appointed to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £49 0 0, money, with the incident charges arising thereon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby appointed and impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £49 0 0, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon, for the purpose aforesaid; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

On the memorial of Stephen Benedict, administrator on the estate of Elias Benedict late of Norwalk in Fairfield county, deceased, shewing that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate in the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceased surmount his personal estate the sum of £6 4 2¼, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay the sum aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Elias Benedict as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £6 4 2¼, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the judge of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

[234] Upon the memorial of Ames Walbridge of Stafford, conservator of the person and estate of John Victroy of said Stafford, an impotent, distracted person, shewing that he had expended in the support of said John the sum of £75 19 3, lawful money, and that the said John's lands must be sold for the payment thereof; that it will be most for the benefit of said John and his family to sell the whole of his lands together, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of said town of Stafford for the time being be and they are hereby appointed with full power to make sale of the whole of the said John Victroy's farm in said Stafford, in the best manner they can for the advantage of the said John, and pay the said sum of £75 19 3, lawful money, to the said Walbridge out of the avails thereof, and the overplus secure and loan out for the benefit of the said Victroy and family; to be accountable to the county court for their doings therein.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of New London, shewing to this Assembly that Mr. William Adams jun^{r} was chosen constable and collector of the Colony

rate within the said town, that he has since declined to collect the said rates and the town are willing to excuse him &c., and that the town of New London have chosen Adam Shapley a constable and collector of said rates; praying that said choice may be confirmed &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of New London have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to make choice of any other person to collect the said rates, and that the Treasurer of the Colony be notified of such choice by the first of July next; and in case the said Shapley shall accept said choice of said town, he is hereby declared to be as fully authorized and impowered to be a constable of said town and collector of said rates as though he had been chosen in the month of December last.

On the memorial of Guy Richards of New London, shewing to this Assembly that he was appointed by the county court for New London county conservator to one Daniel Shapely of said New London, a distracted and impotent person, and that since his appointment to said trust he has caused to be expended towards support of said Daniel the sum of £72 8 5, lawful money, which sum has been allowed by the county court aforesaid, and for which no satisfaction has been had out of said Daniel's estate, and said Daniel having no personal estate to satisfy said debt, praying your Honors to appoint him or some other meet person, to make sale of so much of said Daniel's real estate as will pay the sum aforesaid, agreeable to the statute in that case provided, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Guy Richards of said New London be appointed, and he is hereby authorized, to sell so much of said Daniel's real estate as will pay the said sum of £72 8 5, L. money, and the incident charges arising on the sale thereof, and make return of his doings to the county court for New London county.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Smith of Milford, administrator on the estate of Joseph Smith late of said Milford, deceas'd, representing unto this Assembly that he had caused an inventory to be made of the estate of said deceased, which was all real estate and amounted to £37 0 0, also exhibited an account of the charge of supporting an old infirm negro man that belonged to said deceas'd in his life time, which amounted to £34 18 6; praying for liberty to sell so much of said estate as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £34 18 6, together with the incident charge &c., as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assem-

bly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of said estate as shall amount unto the sum of £34 18 6, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate therein.

[235] Upon the memorial of Samuel Forbs and the rest of the selectmen of Canaan, shewing to this Assembly that liberty was granted to said town by the General Assembly in October, 1771, to give bonds for the payment of the arrears of their rates now become payable, that part of the monies are paid thereon, as per endorsement; praying that further time may be granted for the payment and discharge of said bond, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the Colony be and he is hereby directed not to put said bond in suit before the first day of June in the year 1774.

Upon the memorial of Noah Wells, administrator, and Joanna his wife, administratrix, on the estate of William Douglas late of Canaan in Litchfield county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the personal estate of the said deceas'd, the sum of £86 5 1, lawful money, for the payment of which they have nothing in their hands but real estate; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay said sum of £86 5 1, with incident charges arising on said sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said memorialists, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient for the payment of said sum of eighty-six pounds five shillings and one penny, lawful money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

Upon the memorial of John Eliott of Guilford, administrator of the estate of Jordan Leete late of said Guilford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £26 19 3; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £26 19 3, with incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

On the memorial of Abigail Kimberly, administratrix on the estate of Abraham Kimberly, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts against said estate surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £104 1 7½ as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Danbury, for the payment of which said administratrix hath nothing in hand, and humbly praying to this Assembly that some meet person may be impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to discharge said £104 1 7½, with the incident charge that may arise, as by memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Chandler, Esq^r, be impowered, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to make sale of so much of the lands of said deceas'd as to discharge said debt and the incident charges that may arise thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Miriam Stetson, of Mansfield, in the county of Windham, administratrix on the estate of Eli Stetson late of said Mansfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited into the court of probate for the district of Windham against said estate, and allowed by said court, together with some allowance by said court made to the widow and relict of said deceas'd, surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £156 17 0, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise said sum for the payment thereof &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be and the same hereby is granted unto Elijah Mackall of said Mansfield, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise said sum of £156 17 0, L. money, together with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in said district therein.

Upon the memorial of Ruth Barnerd, Medad Hunt and Moses Barnerd, administrators on the estate of Aaron Barnerd late of Tolland in the district of Stafford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allow-
[236] ances || due from the estate of the said deceased surmount the personal estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £47 16 5, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said Aaron Barnard, deceas'd, as may be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of £47 16 5, money, for the payment of debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Medad Hunt and

Moses Barnard have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be sufficient to raise the said sum of £47 16 5, lawful money, for the payment of said debts with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the directions of the court of probate in the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Pinney, Esq^{r}, agent for the town of Stafford, shewing to this Assembly that liberty was granted to said town by the General Assembly in May, 1772, to give bond for the payment of the arrears of their rates, payable the 20th of May, 1773; that part of the monies are paid; praying that further time may be granted for the payment of the residue due on said bond, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the Colony be and he is hereby directed not to put said bond in suit before the first day of May, 1774.

Upon the memorial of Henry Allyn, Esq^{r}, and the rest of the owners and proprietors of the three-mile lots, so called, on the east side of the great river in East Windsor that lie between the lots of Samuel Grant, deceas'd, on the south and the lot of Josiah Elsworth, deceas'd, on the north, shewing that in May, 1734, the General Assembly of this Colony upon the memorial of said proprietors then exhibited appointed a committee, *viz.* William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, Messrs. Roger Newberry and Joseph Loomiss, to lay out and ascertain the bounds of said three-mile lots by sufficient bound-marks and monuments, to prevent contention &c.; and further shewing that said committee proceeded partly to execute the trust to which they were appointed, and the proprietors so far have acquiesced therein; that the remainder of said lots have not yet been, *viz.* the bounds and limits thereof, duly fixed and ascertained, that is to say, from a certain lane called Bissell's Lane on the south up to the said Josiah Elsworth's lot on which Nathaniel Bissell now lives, which leaves room for contention and dispute about the same; praying for a committee to take up the matter and finish bounding out said lots that remain yet unestablished as aforesaid, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Maj^{r} Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Nathaniel Loomiss, Lieut. Return Strong be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to locate, fix and ascertain the bounds and limits of each of said lots, between the said Bissell's Lane and the south side of Josiah Elsworth's lot next north of Nathaniel Bissell's lot which he dwells upon, erect monu-

ments thereon, and to make a proper survey and mensuration of each of said lots if need be, and make return of their doings with their opinion thereon to the next General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next.

Upon the memorial of David Wood and Deborah Brush, of Greenwich in the county of Fairfield, administrators on the estate of Edward Brush, Esq^{r}, late of said Greenwich, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the said Edward Brush in his life time was bound for Benjamin Brush, late of said Greenwich now of Great Egg Harbour in the county of Gloucester and Province of West New Jersey, in divers sums of money, amounting in the whole to about three hundred and fifty pounds, New York money, and for his security therein the said Benjamin Brush gave and executed to said deceased in his life time a deed of three several pieces of land lying in said Greenwich with a dwelling-house, by deed [237] dated the first day of February, 1765, and || recorded in Greenwich town records; that the said Edward Brush hath paid and is holden to pay the whole of said sums, and that the said Benjamin hath paid the said Edward only a small part of the same, and that the said Benjamin was indebted to said Edward at the time of his death in a considerable sum, which hath not been paid; praying that the said Benjamin may have six months allowed him to redeem said lands &c., by paying to the memorialists what is unpaid on said security and what is due to the estate of said deceas'd, and on failure thereof that the memorialist may be impowered to sell said land &c. to raise said sums and pay the debts of said deceas'd, taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein; the said Benjamin Brush having under his hand declared his full consent to the granting said memorial, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benjamin Brush have six months allowed him to pay to the memorialists said sum due on said security and likewise the other monies now due to the estate of the said deceas'd; and on his, the said Benjamin's, paying to the memorialists said monies as aforesaid with the incident charges hereby arising within the time limited as aforesaid, that then the memorialists are hereby authorized and fully impowered to give a compleat and ample deed of release to the said Benjamin of all the said lands and house as mentioned in said deed: but on the said Benjamin's failure to perform the same as aforesaid, the memorialists are fully authorized and impow-

ered to sell so much of the said house and lands as shall be sufficient to raise said sums with the incident charges arising on such sales; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Backus, Isaac Alerton, William Underwood, Jacob Johnson, Curtiss Spaulding, Ezekiel Spaulding, Jabez Fitch jun^{r}, William Bingham, John Hough, Elkanah Cobb and Obadiah Johnson, some of them of Plainfield in the county of Windham, dwelling in that part of Plainfield called Black Hill, and some of them of the first society of Canterbury, shewing that the dividing line between said town of Plainfield and the town of Canterbury is Quinebaug River until it comes to an island in said river called Pekumset, and then said line runs from said island east eighty rods to a heap of stones, and then the line runs south to Norwich line, and that to begin at a line at said heap of stones and run north five degrees and an half east 292 rod to a stump with stones about it being a bound in the west side of the highway formerly laid out across said Black Hill, and then northerly in the west line of said highway by the head of the lots, and so to continue the same course to said river about 750 rods, includes all the memorialists and all their farms and land in said Plainfield lying on the east side of said river, and that the memorialists who are of Plainfield living on said Black Hill live at great distance from the meeting-house in said Plainfield and near and commodious to the meeting-house in the first society in said Canterbury; praying that the land and farms contained in the abovesaid lines and belonging to said memorialists with all the inhabitants thereon, also the other farms, lands &c. lying within said lines, may be annexed and be joined to the said first society in said Canterbury, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that all the lands and farms on Black Hill which are contained in the aforesaid lines and now in possession of the said Timothy Backus, Isaac Alerton, William Underwood, Jacob Johnson, Curtiss Spaulding, Ezekiel Spaulding, Jabez Fitch jun^{r}, William Bingham, John Hough, Elkanah Cobb, Obadiah Johnson, together with those persons who are now settled thereon, also the other farms, lands &c. lying within said lines, shall be and they are hereby annexed to and joined with the first society in Canterbury for all the purposes of society and ecclesiastical privileges only, but not for schooling, military or other purposes.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Munson of New Haven,

administrator on the estate of Stephen Munson late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate £92 14 10; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby [238] granted unto him, to sell so much of the || real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £92 14 10, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of John Bradley, executor of the last will and testament of John Bradley late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £144 9 6, and that said deceas'd made no provision in his will for the payment of said debts; praying for liberty to sell so much of said estate as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £144 9 6, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of John Bradley of New Haven, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of Jonathan Bradly late of New Haven, deceas'd, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £24 5 7½; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges &c., as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £24 5 7½, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Gorham of New Haven, administratrix upon the estate of Timothy Gorham late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and

charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £88 18 1; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him [*sic*] to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £88 18 1, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Colchester, by their agent Peter Bulkley, Esq^{r}, shewing to this Assembly that execution hath been issued against said town by order of the General Assembly in May, 1772, for £680 12 2$\frac{3}{4}$, being for arrears of the Colony tax on said town on their lists 1761 and 1762, whereof John Hopson was collector; that the inhabitants of said town had paid the whole of said tax to said Hopson, who failed to pay over the same to the Colony Treasurer and was become insolvent; that to pay the same over again was difficult and grievous to said town, especially the poorer of the people &c.; praying for liberty to set up and have drawn a lottery, at the proper risque and charge of said town, to raise the sum of seven hundred pounds to pay off said taxes in arrear and to be applied for that purpose by said town &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Colchester have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to set up and have drawn a lottery, at the proper risque of said town, so as to raise a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds, lawful money, to be improved for [239] the purposes mentioned in said ‖ memorial: the said town to appoint managers or directors of said lottery to manage the same: said managers to be sworn to a faithful discharge of said trust until said lottery be drawn and fully compleated, and the monies raised thereby to be all justly applied for the purpose mentioned in said memorial, in such manner as said town shall direct. And said town of Colchester are hereby enabled and impowered to take sufficient bond of such managers or any other persons, conditioned that said managers shall faithfully execute and perform their trust, so that the said town may be indemnified and saved harmless and no injustice be done in the premises. Always provided, that said lottery be drawn as soon as may be and within twelve months from the rising of this Assembly, on penalty that

this grant and liberty, and every clause and article in this act contained, shall be null and void.

Upon the memorial of Peter Bulkley, Esq^{r}, of Colchester, shewing to this Assembly that said town of Colchester have directed him in behalf of said town, to give security for the arrearages of the Colony tax due from said town for the years 1761 and 1762, and praying that such security may be taken &c , as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Colony Treasurer do take security for the sums due on said rates with interest arisen since October last and cost, payable to the Governor and Company of this Colony within twelve months from the first day of June, 1773.

Upon the memorial of the Selectmen of Voluntown, shewing to this Assembly that the listers of said town in the return of said list to the General Assembly in October last undercast the same £482 16 3; that the said list should have been returned £13200 16 3; praying the same may be corrected &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the Colony be and he is hereby directed to add said sum of £482 16 3 to the said list returned in October last, and that said town be thereupon entituled to their school monies thereon as though no such miscast had been made.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Cleaveland and Sarah his wife, which Sarah was the late widow and relict of Benjamin Gilson late of Killingly, deceas'd, and was also administratrix on the estate of said deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that since the estate of said deceas'd was settled and the debts paid by said administratrix, which took all the moveable estate of said deceas'd except some necessaries allowed to said widow, there appears to be just debts due from said estate to the amount of £35 0 0, lawful money; praying to this Assembly to have liberty granted to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay the sum of £35 0 0, L. money, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to them, and they are hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £35 0 0, L. money, with the necessary charges arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

On the memorial of Edward Collins, administrator on the estate of Joseph Hale late of Enfield, deceas'd, for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceased as will raise the sum of £9 13 10, lawful money, for the payment of debts and charges due from said estate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the

memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £9 13 10, lawful money, for the payment of the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd, together with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

Upon the memorial of Rhoda Webster, administratrix on the estate of John Webster late of Farmington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount his personal inventoried estate £195 1 9; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per [240] memorial on file: ‖ Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and she is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £195 1 9, L. money, and the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Schellenx, of Chatham in the county of Hartford, administrator to the estate of William Schellenx late of said Chatham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges of the estate of the said deceas'd together with some allowance made to the widow of the said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £73 1 1, L. money; praying that this Assembly would authorize some meet person to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to make said sum of £73 1 1, L. money, together with incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that Noadiah White of said Chatham be authorized, and he is hereby authorized, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to make said sum of £73 1 1, lawful money, together with the incident charges arising thereon; he taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Hecox, of Waterbury in the county of New Haven, and others, praying for society privileges, Bushnel Bostwick, Thomas Darling and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee in October last, who have reported that it is convenient and necessary that a distinct ecclesiastical society be made and constituted within the following limits, *viz:* Beginning at a rock near the road from the town-plat in Waterbury to New Haven, distant from the meeting-house in Waterbury two miles one half and sixty rods, called the Mile Rock, to Wallingford line, and thence to

run east one degree and thirty minutes south to Wallingford line, thence in said line to the tree called the Three Brothers, thence south to the Beacon Cap, thence to the southeast corner of a farm formerly belonging to James Richards lying on Beacon Hill, thence west to the mouth of the Great Spruce Brook, the west side of Naugatuck River, thence keeping the brook westwardly to the mouth of the brook that comes off from Red Oak Hill, thence northwesterly to the place where Moss's road crosses Derby line, thence northwardly in said road to Enos Gunn's dwelling-house, thence a north line so far as to intersect a west line from said Mile Rock, which report is accepted and approved: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the inhabitants living within the limits aforesaid be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, with all privileges, powers and immunities to such societies usually belonging in this Colony, and shall be known and called by the name of Salem.*

Upon the memorial of Thadeus Burr of Fairfield, sheriff of Fairfield county, shewing to this Assembly that he has transferred to the West Indies the noted burglarian Richard Steel, who has for a long time been confined in said county goal for a bill of cost, whereby this Colony is freed from a dangerous and troublesome inhabitant, and that he hath therein expended the sum of £11 17 11; praying to be allowed the same, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby allowed said sum of £11 17 11, and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Giles Hall, administrator of the estate of Joseph Munson, a minor late of Wallingford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed against the estate of said deceas'd by the court of probate for the district of New Haven amount to the sum of £43 19 4¾, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real [241] estate of the deceas'd as may be ‖ sufficient to raise the said sum of £43 19 4¾: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may be sufficient to raise said sum of £43 19 4¾ with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of New Haven therein.

* The town of Naugatuck, incorporated May, 1844, comprises the greater part of this society.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Clark and Elizabeth Clark, administrators on the estate of Jonathan Clark jun^r^, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and allowances to the widow, as exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Windham, surmount the moveable inventoried estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £109 1 1, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Jonathan, deceas'd, as to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Jonathan have liberty and authority, and liberty and authority is hereby given to the said Jonathan, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise said sum of £109 1 1, lawful money, together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Rufus Lathrop, James Hide &c., selectmen of the town of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that they gave their bond to the Treasurer of this Colony on the 29th day of June, 1772, for a large sum payable the first day of June, 1773, since which time they have paid £307 0 0 thereof; praying that said Treasurer may be ordered not to put said bond in suit until the first day of June, 1774, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Treasurer be ordered, and he is hereby ordered, not to put said bond in suit until the first day of June, 1774.

On the memorial of Peter Johnson, of Derby in New Haven county, shewing to this Assembly that he is conservator over the estate of Timothy Johnson of said Derby, an aged and infirm man who by reason of apoplectic fits has lain bedrid and speechless between three and four years, and according to the direction of the county court in New Haven county, he caused an inventory to be made by two freeholders under oath of all the moveable estate of the said Timothy, except some small trifles of household furniture in daily use in the family, and also of the profit of the real estate of the said Timothy for the year past, and also an account of the debts due to said Timothy amounting to the sum of £59 6 10½, and also exhibited to said court an account of the debts due from said Timothy and the costs and charges of taking care of said Timothy, which in the whole amounted to £111 18 5, so that there now remains due from said Timothy, according to the adjustment of said county court 52 11 6½, lawful money; and further, that the said Timothy is owner of about three hundred acres of land, and the greater part of no use and profit &c.; praying for liberty to sell as much of the real

estate of the said Timothy as to raise the sum of £52 11 6½ with the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Peter Johnson and Nathaniel Johnson have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Timothy Johnson as shall raise the sum of £52 11 6, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon.

On the memorial of Joseph Hickox, conservator of the person and estate of Samuel Wilkinson of Durham, late deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that he exhibited to the adjourned county court holden at New Haven in and for the said county of New Haven on the second Tuesday of January, 1773, an account of charge of taking care of and supporting the said Samuel from the 18th day of April, 1772, till his death, which happened about the 15th of January aforesaid, amounting to the sum of £17 3 1, which was allowed by said court, and also an account of the rent of the land to the amount of £6 10 0 was exhibited, and that there remained due to the said conservator the sum of £11 3 1, and allowed [242] to him ‖ by said court; praying to this Assembly for liberty to sell so much of the land of the said Samuel as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £11 3 1 with incident charges of sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty is hereby granted for the selling so much of the land of the said deceas'd Samuel Wilkinson as prayed for; and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, of said Durham, is hereby authorized and fully impowered to make sale of so much of the said lands as shall be sufficient to pay to the said conservator the said sum of £11 3 1, lawful money, and make return of his doings thereon unto the court of probate in the district of Midletown.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Chapman of Colchester, administrator on the estate of Zipporah Chapman late of said Colchester, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the inventoried moveable estate of the said Zipporah the sum of £5 5 10, lawful money, and nothing in the hands of said administrator to pay the same; praying for some meet person to be appointed to sell lands of the said deceas'd to raise said sum with incident charges, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Elias Worthington of said Colchester be appointed and he is hereby appointed and impowered, to sell so much of the lands of the said Zipporah deceas'd as shall procure said sum of £5 5 10 with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the judge of probate for the district of

East Hadam therein, and account with said administrator for said monies.

Upon the memorial of Moses Hill, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that for many years last past he has been nominated and licensed to keep a house of entertainment; that at the meeting of the civil authority &c. of said Farmington in January, 1773, there were objections laid in against him as a person unfit to keep such house, and he not being present to obviate them said authority &c. omitted to nominate him for said purpose; that he has since fully convinced and satisfied said authority, selectmen and others by law enabled to make said nomination, that the objections to him were illfounded, and that they have since, *viz.* in April last, nominated him to keep such house of entertainment and that he has offered said nomination to the county court of said county and moved for licence accordingly, but said court being of opinion that said nomination in this case might legally be made only in the month of January could not grant such licence, and praying this Assembly to grant him such licence &c., as per memorial on file, and such nomination and recommendation under the hands of said authority &c. being exhibited to this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Moses Hill be and he is hereby licenced to keep a house of publick entertainment in said Farmington the current year, under the same regulations and restrictions as other such licenced houses in this Colony by law are, he first lodging with the treasurer of said county a bond well executed for a due observance of all the laws of this Colony respecting licenced houses of entertainment, according to the true intent and meaning of the law in such case provided.

Upon the memorial of James Bill and others, inhabitants of the northerly part of the society of Goshen in Lebanon, praying to be made a distinct ecclesiastical society &c., on which memorial Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington and Benjamin Hall, Esq[rs], were appointed a committee to repair to said society and take into consideration the state, circumstances and unhappy disputes &c. in said society, and make report thereon to this Assembly, which committee having now made their report to this Assembly in favour of said society's being divided into two distinct ecclesiastical societies by a line fully described in said report, as by said report &c. on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said society shall be and hereby is divided by the following line, *viz.* Beginning at the road on Colchester line near the house of

Darius Hills, thence as said road runs northerly till said road comes into the north pond road, so called, thence northerly, leaving Ebenezer Hincley upon the east, a straight line to the road leading from Lebanon to Colchester at a place on said road ten rods westerly of Benjamin Woods dwelling-house, thence crossing said road easterly to a place on the line dividing between Lebanon first society and said Goshen society thirty rods northerly of the place where said road or Chappels street crosses said line; and that all that [243] ‖ part of the said society of Goshen lying northwesterly of said line be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, with such powers and privileges as other ecclesiastical societies in this Colony by law have and enjoy; to be called, known and distinguished by the name of Exeter.

The Sums Total of the Additions (single and fourfold) to the Lists of the several Towns in this Colony, sent in to this Assembly are as follow, viz.

	Single.			Fourfold.				Single.			Fourfold.		
Hartford,	£560	1	0	£0	0	0	Preston,	£698	19	0	£452	18	0
Willington,	116	13	0	1	4	0	Stonington,	no return.					
Enfield,	180	17	0	144	0	0	Fairfield,	542	3	3	620	6	0
Stafford,	90	17	0	0	0	0	Stratford,	382	18	3	0	0	0
Tolland,	18	14	0	231	0	0	Stamford,	112	2	6	1096	3	0
Haddam,	283	11	0	16	0	0	Norwalk,	363	3	7½	422	12	0
Glastonbury,	522	3	6	0	0	0	Greenwich,	880	5	8	961	7	4
Chatham,	0	0	0	46	8	0	Newtown,	513	12	2	0	0	0
Sommers,	84	9	0	0	0	0	Danbury,	463	13	1	253	10	0
Hebron,	706	0	0	0	0	0	Reding,	254	14	6	305	14	0
Bolton,	230	9	0	168	10	0	NewFairfield,	104	16	11	167	6	0
Colchester,	115	9	0	1164	10	0	Ridgfield,	346	7	3	243	18	0
East Windsor,	342	12	0	0	0	0	Windham,	837	12	10	302	1	0
East Hadam,	475	8	0	158	8	0	Canterbury,	810	14	6	0	0	0
Farmington,	488	11	0	1080	12	0	Coventry,	10	17	6	58	16	0
Midletown,	650	0	0	0	0	0	Woodstock,	511	10	0	0	0	0
Suffield,	64	16	0	0	0	0	Killingley,	508	4	0	0	0	0
Windsor,	261	19	2	369	8	0	Mansfield,	269	8	0	8	0	0
Symsbury,	14	19	0	0	0	0	Plainfield,	425	3	0	0	0	0
Weathersfield,	182	15	0	37	16	0	Pomfrett,	260	0	0	310	6	0
New Haven,	2538	8	6	299	10	0	Lebanon,	271	2	6	691	12	0
Guilford,	68	13	5	0	0	0	Ashford,	73	13	0	0	0	0
Milford,	338	5	0	2008	10	0	Volentown,	147	13	0	211	12	0
Darby,	278	7	6	172	0	0	Litchfield,	455	2	0	162	8	0
Branford,	235	15	0	0	0	0	Woodbury,	667	0	6	470	18	0
Durham,	97	11	0	0	0	0	New Milford,	253	16	11	220	0	0
Waterbury,	1077	7	0	119	0	0	New Hartford,	1	13	0	28	16	0
Wallingford,	1000	8	0	1115	18	0	Sharon,	545	14	0	0	0	0
New London,	1090	10	0	0	0	0	Torrington,	224	12	6	0	0	0
Norwich,	335	0	0	310	8	0	Kent,	10	11	1	29	10	0
Saybrook,	945	15	0	511	9	0	Salisbury,	no return.					
Lyme,	1260	15	7	1144	0	0	Harwington,	97	6	0	0	0	0
Groton,	no return						Cornwall,	0	0	0	326	16	0
Killingworth,	341	18	6	0	0	0							

To the Hon^ble^ General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut now sitting at Hartford:

The memorial of George Wyllys, Esq^r, Secretary of this Colony, humbly sheweth,

That your Honours at your sessions at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1772, ordered and directed your memorialist to procure the first antient book of records of this Colony remaining in said Secretary's office and the first book of records of the jurisdiction of New Haven in the office [244] of the town-clerk of the ‖ town of New Haven, to be fairly transcribed into some proper book or books, to be by your memorialist procured for that purpose and laid before this Assembly to be compared and duly authenticated for common use &c., as by said act of Assembly appears: In obedience to your Honors' direction, your memorialist has procured proper books and caused said first antient book of records remaining in said Secretary's office to be fairly transcribed, and are now ready to be laid before your Honors to be compared and authenticated &c., for the purpose in said act expressed; which records consist of five hundred and two pages in folio, and at one shilling per page amounts to twenty-five pounds, lawful money, which your memorialist conceives to be but a reasonable reward for said services, and praying your Honors to order and direct the Treasurer to pay your memorialist said sum out of the Colony treasury. All which is humbly submitted to your Honors by your Honors' memorialist, who as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Dated May 20th, 1773. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'ry.

In the Upper House: The prayer of the above memorial is granted, and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the said sum of £25 0 0 to the memorialist accordingly. And it is further resolved, that the Secretary of this Colony do compare and authenticate the said book of records and attest the same to be a true copy of the original, and deposit the same in his office, there to remain for publick use.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secr'ty.

Concurr'd in the Lower House.

Test. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Clerk.

On the petition of Peletiah Pierce, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, *vs.* John Benton of Hartford aforesaid, dated April 6, 1772, as on file, by sundry continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered by the respondent in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of John Borland, of Cambridge in the county of Midlesex and Province of Massachusets Bay, *vs.*

John Rew, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, dated May 4th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of October last: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered by the respondent in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondent is* £4 10*s.* 4*d.* *Ex. granted June* 18*th*, 1773.

On the petition of Nathaniel Shaw and Nathaniel Shaw jun^{r}, both of New London in the county of New London, *vs.* John Lambert jun^{r}, of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusets Bay, dated August 16th, 1771, as on file, by sundry continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether there is error in the judgment of the superior court referred to in said petition, as the petitioners have therein alledged and complained of: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative. *Cost allowed respondent is* £5 0 0. *Ex. granted June* 5*th*, 1773.

On the petition of Warham Williams and Anne Williams his wife, both of Branford in the county of New Haven, John Foot and Abigail Foot his wife, both of Wallingford in said New Haven county, and Samuel Ufford Beach and Lucy Hall Beach of said Wallingford, minors, children and heirs of Mary Beach late of said Wallingford, deceas'd, who petition by their father and guardian Samuel Beach of said Wallingford, *vs.* Elisha Bigelow, Joseph Bigelow and Mary Bigelow, children and heirs of Joseph Bigelow, late of Hartford in the county of Hartford, deceas'd, dated May 5th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford [*sic*] on the second Thursday of October, 1772: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £4 5 8. *Ex. granted June* 5*th*, 1773.

On the petition of Jonathan Miller jun^{r}, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, *vs.* Barnabas Thomson of said Farmington, living within and being one of the principal inhabitants of the society of Northington in said town, and the rest of the inhabitants of said society, dated May 5th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford [*sic*] on the second Thursday of Oct. 1772: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £3 15 10. *Ex. granted June* 12*th*, 1773.

[245] On the petition of Jonathan Peters, of Hebron in the county of Hartford, and Abigail his wife, which Jonathan petitions in right of his said wife, John Foot of said Hebron and Anne his wife, which John Foot petitions in right of his said wife, Luman Long of Windsor in said county and Sarah his wife late Sarah Perkins of said Hebron one of the children and heirs of Sarah Perkins, deceas'd, late wife of John Perkins of said Hebron, which Luman petitions in right of his said wife, Elijah Man of said Hebron and Mary his wife likewise lately Mary Perkins and one of the children and heirs of said Sarah Perkins late wife of said John Perkins, which Elijah Man petitions in right of his said wife, John Perkins jun^{r}, Lidia Perkins and Martha Perkins, all of said Hebron, minors, likewise children and heirs of said deceas'd Sarah, and petition by said John Perkins their father and guardian, John Post, Mary Post, Dinah Post, Mindwell Post, Joseph Otis Post and Anne Post, all of said Hebron, minors, and children and heirs of Mary the late wife of Peter Post of said Hebron, who petition by said Peter Post their father and guardian, *vs.* Ezekiel Horton, Daniel Newcomb, David Barber, Esq^{r}, and Abigail his wife, all of Hebron in the county of Hartford, and others named in said petition, respondents, as per petition on file, dated September 23d, 1772, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1772: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered by the respondents in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £2 18 2. *Ex. granted Octob. 16th*, 1773.

On the petition of George Smith and Joseph Talcott jun^{r}, both of Hartford in the county of Hartford, administrators on the estate of Richard Edwards late of said Hartford, deceas'd, *vs.* Sarah Hooker and Daniel Hooker, both of said Hartford, administrators of the estate of Daniel Hooker late of said Hartford, deceas'd, dated September 28th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1772: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £3 2 8. *Ex. granted July 8th*, 1773.

On the petition of Millesent Wadsworth, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, widow, *vs.* William Hall, of Hartford in the county aforesaid, dated May 6th, 1773, as on file: The

question was put, whether the pleas offered on the part of the respondent in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondent is* £1 2*s.* 0*d.*

On the petition of John Clapp, of Greenwich in the county of Fairfield, *vs.* John Gregg, of Greenwich in the county aforesaid, dated April 24th, 1772, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at Hartford [*sic*] on the second Thursday of Oct. 1772: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered on the part of the respondent in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative, for that it appears that the petitioner hath proper and full remedy in the premises by application to the county court from which said execution issued.

On the petition of Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour, James Nichols, Isaac Sheldon, Timothy Cowles, John Wells and Noah Webster, all selectmen and agents of the town of Hartford in the county of Hartford, *vs.* John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, of said Hartford, Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut, dated September 30th, 1771, by sundry continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the prayer of this petition should be granted, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

Cost allowed William Fitch, of the manor of Ranselear in the County of Albany in the Province of New York, for attendance &c. to answer a certain petition dated March 13th, 1772, preferred against him by Ralph Pomeroy and Eleazer Pomeroy, both of Hartford in the county of Hartford, late traders in company, and by them now withdrawn, is £4 13 6, L. money. *Ex. granted July 8th*, 1773.

Cost allowed Messrs. John Kneeland, Samuel Grant of Boston, and Samuel Tozer of Colchester, for attendance &c. to answer a certain petition dated April 27th, 1773, preferred against them by Noah Sexton of Colchester in the county of Hartford, and by him now withdrawn, is £1 16 0, lawful money.

This Assembly grants to Capt. Titus Hurlburt three pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence, for his service in taking care of the battery and stores in the same at New London and hoisting the flag &c., and for discharging the within account.

[246] This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Hon^ble^ Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, lawful money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to John Lawrence, Esq^r^, Treasurer of this Colony, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, for his salary the year past.

This Assembly grants to George Wyllys, Esq^r^, Secretary of this Colony, the sum of twenty pounds, lawful money, for his salary the year past.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the further consideration of the several petitions and memorials contained in the following list be referred and continued to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, *viz:*

Ebenezer Hall *v.* Daniel Morriss.
Society of Orford.
Nathaniel Sherman *v.* Society of Mount Carmel.
Sarah Hooker *v.* Titus and George Hosmer.
Reynold Marvin *v.* Benjamin Douglas.
John Hoy *v.* William McCracan.
Samuel Talcott *v.* James Nichols.
William Hall's memorial.
Joshua Leonard *v.* Eleazer Fitch.
David Wheeler *v.* Ezra Wheeler.
Daniel Harriss *v.* Town of Preston.
Sampson Simson *v.* Abraham Brunson.
Thomas Barber *v.* Rachel Dowe.
Samuel Chapman *v.* John Ray.
Samuel Williams' memorial.
Eleazer Cary *v.* Hugh Ledlie.
John Bradick *v.* Ezekiel Fox.
Gurdon Saltonstall *v.* John Still Winthrop.
John Hunt *v.* Shadrach Hubbell.
William B. Brown *v.* Nathan Hicox.
Judah Swift.
William Pitkin *v.* Jonath. Chipman.
James Thomson *v.* Daniel Payne.
Silvanus Bishop *v.* Benjamin Douglass.
James Bates *v.* Town of Haddam.
John King *v.* Isaac Johnson.
Aaron Cleaveland *v.* James Dixon.
Daniel Belden *v.* Thomas Belden, Esq^r^.
Peter R. Livingston *v.* South Society in Hartford.
Isaac Bidwell *v.* William Pitkin, Esq^r^.
David Clarkson *v.* Zebad. Brown.
George Foliot *v.* Eleazer Fitch.
Wallingford *v.* Midletown.
Benjamin Horton *v.* Wm. Underwood.
William Tiley *v.* John Walker.
Gurdon Saltonstall *v.* Philip Livingston.
Keeney & Burton *v.* Joseph Jackson.
John Gillett *v.* Ebenezer Gillett.
Philip Daggett *v.* William Jones.
Jabez Huntington *v.* Hugh Ledlie.
Ezekiel Pierce *v.* Samuel Stewart.
Richard Smith's memorial.
Josiah Case *v.* Moses Griswold.
Treasury matters *v.* Joseph Hastings &c.
John Royce *v.* David Williams.
Mary Harrison *v* Jonath. Fitch.
Abner Chandler's memorial.

Ichabod Fitch *v.* Joseph Talcott.
John Perkins *v.* Jonathan Peters.
Ebenezer Grant *v.* Chester Wells.
Benja. Marcy *v.* Town of Ashford.
Peter Vandervoort *v.* Hugh Thomson.
[247] James Perry *v.* Town of Darby.
Jabez Hamblin *v.* 1st Society Midletown.
Jonathan Ashley *v.* William Hooker.
James Heaton.
Thomas Lee *v.* James Taylor.
Daniel Payne *v.* Elias Robbins.
Samuel Colton *v.* Jonath. Terry.
Caleb Turner *v.* Stephen Turner.
Jacob Pinto *v.* Peter Ketteltas.
Ralph Pomeroy *v.* Pantry Jones.
John Hill *v.* James Jauncey &c.
Samuel Gillet's memorial.
Black Hill memorial.
Chauncey Bulkley memorial.
Elisha Seabury.
Ephraim Lewiss *v.* Joseph Isham &c.
Jack and Jude *v.* Oliver Bulkley.
Benja. Wyncoop *v.* Samuel Couch.
Stiles Curtiss *v.* Town of Stratford.
Roswell Mills *v.* Joel Loomiss.
Odiah Loomiss *v.* James Cornish.
Abraham Palmer *v.* Samuel Palmer.
Nathaniel Drake *v.* 1 Society E. Windsor.
Eliz Hubbard *v.* Wm. Saml. Johnson.
Daniel Payne *v.* Nathan Utley.
Samuel Wolcott *v.* Elisha Williams.
Seth Austin *v.* Samuel Kent &c.
Oliver Hanchet *v.* Medad Pomeroy.
Sam'l Faulkner *v.* Caleb Faulkner.
Eliza Willford's memorial
Dudley Woodbridge *v.* Samuel Cheeseborough.
Elisha Royce *v.* John Gould.
Robert Jameson's memorial.
Sylvanus Gardiner *v.* William Jepson.
Ashford memorial.
Daniel Pratt *v.* John Thomas.
Luther Shepard's memorial.
John Davis *v.* William Daviss.
Joseph Austin's memorial.
Nathaniel Ainsworth's memorial.
John Foot *v.* Seth Bartlett.
Joel Case *v.* Amos Wilcox.
William French's memorial.
Solomon Clark *v.* William Hall.
Daniel Waterman *v.* James Flint.
Elisha Keyes' memorial.
Josiah Ames *v.* John King.
Josiah Phelps *v.* John Lewiss.
Ebenezer Case's memorial.
Silvanus Phelps' memorial.
Nathan Abbey memorial.
Joseph Heaton *v.* Benjamin Bacon.
Robert Rose v. Joseph Rose.
Elisha Whittelsy *v.* Stephen Hall.
Elisha Webster *v.* Jona. Robbins.
Benjamin Trumbull *v.* Bemsly Peters.
Josiah Blacksley *v.* Isaac Sears.
James Cornish *v.* Odiah Loomiss.
Mary Mallery *v.* Bazil Munson.
Stephen Burrit *v.* James Jauncey.
Pantry Jones *v.* Town of Hartford.
Josiah Hammond *v.* Town of Mansfield.
Uriah Bingham *v.* Town of Mansfield.
Aaron Austin *v.* Stephen Gillett.
Samuel Butler *v.* Samuel Talcott.
Beecher &c. *v.* Hotchkiss.
Greenwich *v.* Stamford.
Isaac Bidwell *v.* Samuel North.
Jesse Ives *v.* John Ives.
Samuel Parsons jun^r *v.* James Wadsworth.

Benja. Atwater *v.* 1st Society Wallingford.
John Gardiner *v.* John McCurdy.
Ephraim Minor *v.* Ephraim Woodbridge.
Daniel Fish's memorial.
Rufus Minor *v.* Ephraim Woodbridge.
Allen Curtiss' memorial.
Eliphalet Beecher *v.* Constant Kirtland.
Joseph Talcott, Esq^{r}, memorial.
William Adams *v.* John Richards &c.
Daniel Pratt *v.* John Thomas.
Stephen Goodwin *v.* John Skinner jun^{r}.
Roger Brown &c. *v.* Horse Neck Parish.
Samuel Russell &c. *v.* Edward Allen
Daniel Bennett *v.* Joseph Isham &c.
Jona. Robbins *v.* Jonath. Roberts.
John Seymour *v.* Elisha Seymour.
Millisent Wadsworth *v.* William Hall.
Isaac Hall *v.* Society of Meriden.
Roswell Mills *v.* Joseph Talcott, Esq.
Robert Sanford *v.* Thomas Burr &c.
Sarah Wolcott *v.* Jeremiah Wolcott.
Daniel Bradley &c. *v.* Ebenez. Fitch.
William Foster *v.* Richard Brainsford.
Ebenezer Punderson *v.* Ezra Chapman.
Ebenezer Harlow *v.* Edward Hancock.
James Sherman *v.* Selectmen of New London.
Joseph Rude *v.* Benjamin Coit, Esq^{r}.
Joseph Minor *v.* Charles Phelps.
Obadiah Hurlburt's memorial.
John Greg's memorial.
Samuel Hazard *v.* Wm. Brown.
William Jordan.
Milford Listers.
Joseph Foot *v.* 1st Society in Symsbury.
Samuel Stiles &c. *v.* Return Strong &c.
Charles Caldwell *v.* James Caldwell.
William Saml Johnson Esq^{r} *v.* Theoph. Nichols Esq^{r} &c.
Richard Bushnell *v.* Ebenez. Fitch &c.
Nathan Beers &c. *v.* Eneas Munson &c.
Joseph Tomlinson *v.* Agur Tomlinson &c.
Thomas Seymour *v.* William Stanly.
Benjamin Waters *v.* Elijah Clapp.
Joseph Rowlandson *v.* Abram Harriss.
Josiah Phelps *v.* John Lewiss &c.
Aaron Hitchcock *v.* John Lewiss.
Benja. Douglas *v.* James Pierpoint.
John Hotchkiss *v.* Isaac Man.
Noah Phelps *v.* Zacheus Allen.
Jacob Pinto *v.* Michael Todd.
Yale Bishop *v.* Joshua Chandler.
Jonath. Metcalf &c. *v.* Zeb. Babcock &c.
Joshua Phelps *v.* Joseph Webb &c.
Solomon Martin *v.* Timothy Judson.
Mathew Gilbert &c. *v.* Elisha Booth.
Isaiah Burr *v.* Nath^{l} Burr.
Hez. Spencer *v.* Enfield Society.
Greenwich Listers *v.* Sarah Mead.
William Pitkin, Esq^{r} *v.* Ebenezer Grant.
Ephraim Cook jun^{r} *v.* Silvanus Gardiner.

Moses Smith *v.* Nath[l] Ainsworth.
John Bliss *v.* James Harper.
Phineas Lyman E. *v.* Ebenez. Allyn &c.
Ebenez. Fitch *v.* Eliph[t] Dyer, Esq[r].
Dick Hull *v.* Daniel Tyler.
John King *v.* Isaac Johnson.
Aaron Hinman *v.* Moses Bristol.
Anne Baldwin *v.* Stephen Baldwin.
Noah Sexton *v.* Samuel Tozer &c.
Titus Brockett jun[r] *v.* Elisha Brockett.
S. M. Milford *v.* John Gunn.
David Phelps' memorial
Jonath. Gillett &c. *v.* Worthington Society.
John Keith &c.
Zacha. Waldo &c.
Justus Miles.
William Fowler *v.* Richard Wainsford.
Lem[l] Stoughton &c. *v.* East Windsor &c.
John McLean.
Greenwich Listers *v.* Sarah Mead.
Weathersfield Society memorial.
Zeb. Hibbard's memorial.
Ralph Isaacs' memorial.
Nathaniel Gillett &c. memorial.
Susannah Grant's memorial.
Selectmen of Lebanon's memorial.
Towns of Hartford and Farmington memorial.
Ralph Isaacs' memorial.
Samuel Gray, Esq[r], &c. memorial.
Selectmen of New Haven.
Abraham Sedgwick memorial.
Ebenezer Devotion *v.* Town of Norwich.
Phineas Lyman Esq[r]. *v.* Asa Holcomb.
Sarah Hallam *v.* William Bayard, Esq[r].
Ruth Brewster *v.* Elizabeth Smith.
Caleb Culver *v.* Job Yale.
John Dorence *v.* Joseph Curtiss
Negro's memorial.
Lemuel Roberts &c. memorial.
Ebenez. Case memorial.
Nehemiah Andrews &c.
Oliver Trumbull &c.
Joseph Beebe.
Henry Allyn, Esq[r], *v.* Ebenezer Bliss &c.
Jerusha Merrick &c.
Edward Livingsworth *v.* Ripton Society.
William Shirtliff &c. *v.* Tolland.
Dudley Woodbridge &c. memorial.
Rev[d] Josh[a] Belden memorial.
Phebe Smith's memorial.
Henry Allyn, Esq[r], memorial.
Amos Richardson's memorial.
Abraham Pinney's memorial.
Phebe Smith memorial.
Nehemiah Andrews &c. memorial.
John Durkey &c. memorial.
Nehemiah Tinker &c. memorial.
Joseph Moore's memorial.
Stephen Richardson &c. memorial.

This Assembly was adjourned by proclamation &c. until the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secret'y.*

In the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut, Friday, 21st May, 13th Geo. 3d, 1773.

Mr. Speaker having laid before the House a letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, containing certain resolutions entered into by said House on the 12th of March last: This House, taking into consideration the contents of said letter, the abovementioned resolutions and the reasons on which they are grounded, are of opinion that they are weighty and important, in their nature and design calculated and tending to produce happy and salutary effects in securing and supporting the antient, legal and constitutional rights of this and the Colonies in general, do approve of and adopt the measure.

And thereupon resolve, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of nine persons, *viz.:* the Hon. Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, William Williams, Benjamin Payne, Samuel Holden Parsons, Nathaniel Wales, Silas Deane, Samuel Bishop, Joseph Trumbull and Erastus Wolcott, Esquires; whose business it shall be to obtain all such intelligence, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister Colonies, respecting the important considerations mentioned and expressed in the aforesaid resolutions of the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, and the result of such their proceedings, from time to time to lay before this House.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this continent copies of these resolutions, and request that they would come into similar measures, and communicate from time to time with the said committee on all matters wherein the common welfare and safety of the Colonies are concerned.

Conn. Courant, No. 440. May 25–June 1, 1773.

R. I. Colonial Records, vii, 225–231, *N. Hamps. Provincial Papers*, vii, 355–6.

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[36] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of the Colony of Connecticut convened at Hartford, May 14th, 1773.

Present: Hon^{ble} Jonathan Trumbull, *Governor.*
Hon^{ble} Matthew Griswold, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin,	Roger Sherman,	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant,	Abraham Davenport,	
Elisha Sheldon,	Wm. Sam^{ll} Johnson,	
Eliphalet Dyer,	Joseph Spencer,	
Jabez Huntington,	Oliver Wolcott, and	
William Pitkin,	James A. Hilhouse, Esquires.	

The selectmen of several towns and private persons having laid before this Board bills of expences for the support of transient persons &c., who by law are to be supported by this Colony; which accounts exhibited as follows, *viz:*

Benjamin Sumner, Esq[r], of Ashford, for supporting John Millard, £1 6 7. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Joseph Webb and Solomon Stodard, for supporting an Indian man, £6 10 9. *Order given.*

The selectmen of Ashford, for supporting John Millard, two pounds fifteen shillings. *Order given 1st June 1773.*

The selectmen of Litchfield, for supporting John Kelley, four pounds five shillings and two pence. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Doct[r] Thomas Coit, for doctoring Joseph Whittaker, £1 8 4. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Doct[r] Thomas Coit, for doctoring Thomas Blanchfield, £4 15 9. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Doct[r] Thomas Little, for doctoring Michal McMullen, £1 19 5. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

[37] The selectmen of Sharon. for supporting Peter Gembleton £14 1 3. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

The selectmen of New Milford, for supporting John Swaney and Richard Ones and wife, £6 7 9. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Doct[r] Simeon Smith of Sharon, for doctoring John Money &c. £0 9 6. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

The selectmen of Branford, for supporting one Christopher Pate £1 5 0. *Order given 1st June 1773.*

Peter Burnham, Wethersfield, for supporting Patrick Erwin, £16 15 0. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

The selectmen of Preston, for supporting James McGray, £1 13 6. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Thaddeus Burr, Fairfield, for supporting Christiana Tomey, £4 4 9. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

Capt. Benjamin Allyn, Windsor, for supporting and doctoring an Indian and squaw, £8 6 3.

The selectmen of Windsor, for supporting Charles, an Indian man, £3 0 3. *Order given June 4th 1773.*

The selectmen of Norwalk, for supporting Daniel McMallas, £2 14 4. For Wm. Shoot £9 7 7. Also for said Wm. Shoot, £9 6 0. *Orders given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Mansfield, for supporting Eliz[th] Kelley, £4 7 0. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Groton, for supporting David Alverson, £13 0 0. *Order given 25th May 1773.*

[38] The selectmen of Farmington, for supporting Stephen Boyd &c. £10 2 11. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Coventry, for supporting John Bowdish, £13 5 3. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Coventry, for supporting said John Bowdish £7 5 4. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

Abraham Burnap of Coventry, for supporting and cloathing William Salley, £6 2 0. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of East Haddam, for supporting and doctoring John Bessley, £15 11 6. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Saybrook, for supporting Mary Brown, £13 17 9. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Hartford, for supporting and doctoring Thomas Braddock, £6 17 10. *Order given 20th May 1773.*

The selectmen of Vollentown, for supporting Sarah Nape and child. £4 4 0. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

Doctor Parker Morse, Pomfret, for doctoring Ann Sawyer, £2 8 0. *Order given May 20th, 1773.*

The selectmen of Danbury, for supporting W^m^ Williams, £3 14 1. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

Doct^r^ John Watrous, Colchester, for doctoring John Boseley £5 5 4. *Order given May 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of New Haven, for supporting sundry transient persons. £50 14 9. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

The selectmen of Middleton, for supporting sundry transient persons, £7 13 8. *Order given October 29 1773.*

[39] Doctor Maken, Hartford, for doctoring William Williams £3 11 2. *Order given June 4 1773.*

Nathaniel Crow, Hartford, for supporting William Williams, lame and sick, £5 1 2. *Order given June 4 1773.*

The selectmen of Norwalk, for supporting Sarah Knap &c., £14 12 7. *Order given June 1st 1773.*

The selectmen of Woodstock, for supporting Ann Sawyer, £8 0 0. *Order given 20th May 1773.*

To Mr. Sheriff Williams, for tending the General Assembly and sundry disbursements, £24 6 0. *Order given 4th June 1773.*

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[251] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-tertio.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN IN SAID COLONY ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, BEING THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TO THE FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1773.

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r^, *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^r^, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r^,	Roger Sherman, Esq^r^,	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq^r^,	Abraham Davenport, Esq^r^,	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^r^,	William Samuel Johnson, Esq^r^,	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r^,	Joseph Spencer, Esq^r^,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq^r^,	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r^,	
William Pitkin, Esq^r^,	James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^r^,	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Capt. Jabez Brainerd, Capt. John Brooks, for Haddam.
Capt. Hez. Humphry, Capt. Jona. Pettibone, for Symsbury.
Mr. William Wolcott, Maj. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Haddam.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Zerah Kibbee, for Somers.
[252] Capt. Abner Barker, Mr. Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Phineas Lyman, Esq^{r}, Mr. Alexander King, for Suffield.
Capt. Thomas Belding, Mr. Silas Dean, for Weathersfield.
Mr. Josiah Converse, Mr. Joshua Fuller, for Stafford.
Mr. Peter Reynolds, Mr. Nathaniel Terry, for Enfield.
Colo. John Strong, Colo. Isaac Lee, for Farmington.
Mr. William Wells, Capt. Jonath. Wells, for Glastonbury.
Capt. Joel White, Capt. Thomas Pitkin, for Bolton.
Capt. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Scha. Griggs, for Toland.
Capt. Josiah Bissell, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Windsor.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Capt. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
Maj. Henry Champion, Mr. Daniel Foot, for Colchester.
Mr. Richard Alsop, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Capt. Daniel Ingham, Capt. Obediah Hosford, for Hebron.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Thomas Howell, for New Haven.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Maj. James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Mr. Edward Russell, Mr. James Barker, for Branford.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. Joseph Hull, for Derby.
Mr. Samuel Brown, Capt. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Jonath. Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Capt. Macock Ward, Capt. Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Capt. John Fowler, Maj. David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. Wm. Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Isaac Tracy, for Norwich.
Maj. Samuel H. Parsons, Mr. William Noyes, for Lyme.
Maj. Charles Phelps, Capt. Daniel Fish, for Stonington.
Capt. Elnathan Stephens, Capt. John Pierson, for Killingworth.
Capt. Roger Sterry, Capt. John Tyler, for Preston.
Mr. Stephen Chalker, Capt. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Capt. William Morgan, Mr. Thomas Mumford, for Groton.
Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, for Fairfield.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. James Rogers, for Reading.
Colo. Philip B. Bradley, Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgefield.

Maj. Charles Webb, Mr. Benjamin Weed, for Stamford.
Mr. Alexander Stewart, Mr. Alex[r] Fairchild, for New Fairfield.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Colo. Thomas Fitch, Mr. Thomas Belden, for Norwalk.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Mr. Abner Judson, for Stratford.
Capt. Henry Glover, Mr. Peter Nichols, for Newtown.
Capt. John Mead, for Greenwich.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
Capt. Isaac Gallop, Mr. Samuel Gordon, for Voluntown.
Mr. Samuel Craft, Mr. David Williams, for Pomfrett.
[253] Capt. John Douglas, Mr. Jesse Spalding, for Plainfield.
Mr. Phineas Strong, Capt. Ebenez[r] Kingsbury, for Coventry.
Colo. Jabez Fitch, Mr. Solomon Payne, for Canterbury.
Mr. Jedediah Morse, for Woodstock.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Mr. Amos Badcock, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Mr. Lusher Gay, Mr. Benjamin Leavins, for Killingley.
Mr. Jedediah Strong, Capt. David Welch, for Litchfield.
Mr. Heman Swift, Mr. Thomas Russell, for Cornwall.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Maj[r] Charles Burrell, for Canaan.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Mr. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Mr. Joshua Porter, Capt. James Landon, for Salisbury.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Maj. Abijah Catlin, for Harwington.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel, Capt. Justus Sacket, for Kent.
Mr. James Pardee, for Sharon.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Capt. Sherman Boardman, Capt. Samuel Canfield, for New Milford.
Capt. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. Asaph Hall, for Goshen.
Mr. John Cook, Mr. Epaphras Sheldon, for Torrington.

Ebenezer Silliman, Esq[r], Speaker, } of the House of
William Williams, Esq[r], Clerk, } Representatives.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen in the respective towns in this Colony at or before the general election in May next shall take and transmit to his Honor the Governor a particular and exact account of all the persons in their respective towns, as well negroes and indians as white persons, distinguishing the number of those who are under the age of twenty years from those who are above that age, the sexes, and whether married or single; and that the colonel of each regiment of militia shall also within the time afore-

said transmit to his Honor the Governor the exact number of officers and soldiers in his said regiment, thereby to enable his Honor to prepare a compleat answer to a letter lately received from the Earl of Dartmouth, his Majesty's Secretary of State for the American department. And that this act be forthwith printed and distributed by the Representatives in the present Assembly.

Resolved, That this Assembly at this time will assert their claim and in some proper way support such claim to those lands contained within the limits and boundaries of the charter of this Colony, which are westward of the Province of New York.*

An Act concerning the Western Lands, so called, lying westward of Delaware River within the Boundaries of this Colony

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Hon^ble^ Mathew Griswold, Esq^r^, Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r^, Roger Sherman, Esq^r^, William Samuel Johnson, Esq^r^, Samuel Holden Parsons, Silas Dean, William Williams and Jedediah Strong, Esq^rs^, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power, to assist his Honor, Governor Trumbull, in stating and taking proper steps to pursue the claim of this Colony to said Western Lands; and any three of the aforesaid committee are hereby authorized and directed to proceed as soon as may be convenient to Philadelphia, to wait on his Honor Governor Penn with the resolutions of this Assembly and such letter or letters as his Honor Governor Trumbull with the advice of said committee shall write to his Honor the said Governor Penn on that subject, and with power to treat with said Governor Penn and the Agent or Agents of the Proprietaries of Pensylvania respecting an amicable agreement between this Colony and the aforesaid Proprietaries concerning the boundaries of this Colony and the Province of Pensylvania. And in case the Proprietaries of Pensylvania shall agree amicably to settle and ascertain the boundaries between this Colony and said Province, or to enter into a negotiation on that subject, then and in such case the

* The Susquehannah Case was drawn up by the committee appointed May, 1771, (*ante*, vol. xiii, 427,) principally by Governor Trumbull, and sent to the Colonial Agent in England, Mr. Life, to be laid before counsel learned in the law. Mr. Jackson made some alterations and shortened it a little, and it was returned in August 1773, with opinion of counsel favorable to the claims of the Colony. It was printed in 4to. pp 24, in 1774, probably at Norwich by Green & Spooner. T. Green's bill for printing 400 copies is in *Finance & Currency*, V, doc. 117. The title is simply *The Susquehannah Case*, without date or place of imprint. A printed copy without the title page is in *Susquehannah Settlers*, doc. 176.

said committee, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby appointed, authorized and impowered, to treat with his Honor Governor Penn and the rest of said Proprietaries, and agree upon and ascertain the boundaries between this Colony and the claim of said Proprietaries, and such agreement to lay before this Assembly for confirmation: but if said Proprietaries shall prefer joining in an application to his Majesty for commissioners to settle said line, then and in such case said committee are hereby authorized and directed to join on behalf of this Colony in such application, and from time to time to lay their proceedings before this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the committee who shall proceed to Philadelphia to treat with the Hon^ble^ John Penn, Esq^r^, Governor of Pensylvania relative to the Western Lands belonging to this Colony within the claim of the Proprietors of the Province of Pensylvania do also treat with the said Governor with respect to the peace of the inhabitants who are settled upon said lands, and to agree upon such measures as shall tend to preserve good order and prevent mutual violence and contention while the boundaries between this Colony and the said Province shall remain undetermined.

This Assembly appoints Richard Law, Esq^r^, and Mr. James Haughton, both of New London, to be joined to the gentlemen heretofore appointed as overseers to the Mohegan Indians, with the same authorities, powers and privileges as heretofore given to the said overseers.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, Esq^r^, Judge of the County Court in the county of New Haven until the first day of June next.*

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Bishop jun^r^, Esq^r^, of New Haven, and James Wadsworth jun^r^, Esq^r^, of Durham, to be Justices of the Quorum for the county of New Haven until the first day of June next.

[255] This Assembly do appoint John Whiting Esq^r^. Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven until the first day of June next.†

This Assembly do appoint Lieut. Colonel Leverett Hubbard to be Colonel of the second regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Colo. Edward Allen resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^r^ William Gould to be Lieutenant Colonel of the said regiment, in the room of Lieut. Colonel Hubbard promoted

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* In place of James Abraham Hillhouse, Esq^r^. resigned.

† In the place of Col. John Hubbard, who died Nov. 2, 1773, æ. 70.

This Assembly do appoint David Baldwin, Esq^r, to be Major of the second regiment, in the room of Maj^r Gould promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. John Douglas to be Major of the eleventh regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Maj^r Ezekiel Pierce removed out of said regiment.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Sedgwick to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Noah Webster to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Colton to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Loomiss to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton.

This Assembly do establish Jared Cone to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton.

This Assembly do establish Elijah White to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah King to be Captain of the company or trainband in North Bolton in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Olcott to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in North Bolton in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hays to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Cossit to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish John Rice jun^r to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Ozias Pettibone to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Joel Hays to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Franceway Cossit to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

[256] This Assembly do establish Jesse Bradley to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony,

This Assembly do establish Gershom Thomas to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lamberton Smith junr to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Beacher to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Smith junr to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Crocker to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Minor to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Crocker to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Tabor junr to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish John Perkins to be Captain of the company or trainband in Hanover in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Adams to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in Hanover in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Bishop to be Ensign of the company or trainband in Hanover in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Clark to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Brewster to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Jedediah Palmer to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Brewster to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish David Dimon to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Thorpe to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hawley to be Ensign of the eastern company or trainband in the town of Reading.

This Assembly do establish Michael Lockwood to be Ensign of the company or trainband in Norfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Sherwood to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the northwardly part of Fairfield and the northwardly part of Stratford in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

[257] This Assembly do establish Lemuel Barrows to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Barrows to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gershom Barrows to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Lawson to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Loomiss to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Sessions to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Homes jun^{r} to be Captain of the sixth regiment or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish Elias Sanford Palmer to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish Christopher Brown to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish Ralph Stoddard to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Groton.

This Assembly do establish Robert Swan to be Captain of the troop of horse in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Lamb to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Clark to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asa Bacon to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hall to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jehu Spalding to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Theophilus Clark to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel McClallen to be Captain of the troop of horse in the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingley in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amasa Keyes to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingley in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Perly Howe to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingley in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Wilder to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the towns of Woodstock, Pomfret and Killingley in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Obadiah Johnson to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Sherebiah Butt to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

[258] This Assembly do establish Abner Bacon to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Worthington to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Tredway to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Marsh to be Captain of the middle company or trainband in the town of Litchfield.

This Assembly do establish Uriah Catlin to be Lieutenant of the middle company or trainband in the town of Litchfield.

This Assembly do establish Gyles Pettibone to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the town of Norfolk.

This Assembly do establish Titus Ives to be Lieutenant of the north company or trainband in the town of Norfolk.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Spaulding to be Ensign of the north company or trainband in the town of Norfolk.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Mills to be Lieutenant of the south company or trainband in the town of Norfolk.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Wilcox to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Norfolk.

This Assembly do establish David Barnes to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noadiah Hart to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Martin Smith jr. to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Smith to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Merrill to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Cornell junr, to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Hayt junr to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Barnum to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Theophilus Nichols to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Newtown.

This Assembly do establish Ephriam Hollister to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Cole to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Norton to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

[259] This Assembly do establish Daniel Sloper to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Uriah Seymour to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Cole to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Demmon to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Porter to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Osborn to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of Salem in the town of Waterbury.

This Assembly do establish John Lewiss jun^{r} to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of Salem in the town of Waterbury.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Fitch to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Dennis to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Fyler Dibble to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Stamford.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Brown to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Stamford.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Bishop jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Stamford.

This Assembly do establish Charles Smith jun^{r} to be Ensign of the company or trainband in Stanwich in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Porter to be Captain of the south company or trainband in the town of Cornwell.

This Assembly do establish Amos Johnson to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the town of Cornwell.

This Assembly do establish John Sedgwick to be Lieutenant of the north company or trainband in the town of Cornwell.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Tanner to be Ensign of the north company or trainband in the town of Cornwell.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Goodyear to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Goodyear to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gamaliel Bradley to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Bissell to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Amasa Loomiss to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Roger Wolcott to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

[260] This Assembly do establish Daniel Hand to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gilbert Dudley to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel Meigs to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Landon junr to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Salisbury.

This Assembly do establish Asa Landon to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Salisbury.

This Assembly do establish Heman Allyn to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Salisbury.

This Assembly do establish Abel Pettibone to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Zadock Wilcox to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Demming to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Cook to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Job Camp to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 10th regiment of this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Hall junr to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Beadles to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Fuller to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Fuller to be Ensign of

the 12th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Hamlin to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Clark to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Olmsted to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

Whereas Robert Jameson, of Voluntown in the county of Windham, preferred his petition or memorial to this Assembly in October, 1772, setting forth that he was then confined in Windham goal at the suit of this Colony, it being on account of the arrears of several rates payable to the Colony treasury of which he was collector; praying for a committee to take his matters into consideration and settle the same in an equitable way, and that he might be freed from imprison-
[261] ment &c.: ‖ whereupon this Assembly appointed Shubael Conant, William Williams and Samuel Gray, Esq[rs], a committee to enquire into the whole matters prayed for, and thereof with their opinion to make report &c.; which committee made their report on said matters to this Assembly in May last, and among other things reported that there were sundry rates to the amount of £84 10*s.* 0*d.* due to him, said Jameson, at the time of his commitment, from sundry persons so indigent &c. that it was almost impossible to have collected them before his commitment, and are now become desperate &c., and that in the opinion of said committee it was best for the Colony the sum of seventy pounds, parcel of said £84 10 0 due from such indigent persons, with the interest thereof should be abated; as by said report more fully appears, which report was by this Assembly accepted and approved and the said sum of £70 0 0 with the interest thereby abated to said Jameson: And whereas the names of the persons so indigent, dead, insolvent and removed out of the Colony, whose rates amount to the aforesaid sum of seventy pounds, abated to said Jameson as aforesaid, were not inserted in said report but the amount collected from a list of names and sums shewn and evinced to said committee, so that it cannot be certainly known whose rates abated as aforesaid said Jameson has received the benefit of: And whereas said Jameson being liberated from goal, in consequence of the acceptance of said report, may endeavor to compel some of

those indigent persons to pay him their respective rates, which have been in fact abated to him as aforesaid: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the civil authority and selectmen of the town of Voluntown be and they are hereby authorized, impowered and directed, to inspect the said rate-bills in the hands of said Jameson for the years 1763 and 1764, and find as well as they shall be able which and whose rates have been and were abated to him as aforesaid, and the said rates of such deceas'd, removed or indigent persons, not exceeding the amount of seventy pounds as aforesaid, to abate, cancel and discharge to the persons aforesaid; and the said Jameson is directed to lay his said rate-bills before said authority for the purpose aforesaid; and he is hereby and shall be disabled from proceeding to collect any rates due to him on either of said rate-bills until he shall comply with this order and direction as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of the town of Wallingford in New Haven county, against the town of Midletown in Hartford county, preferred to the General Assembly held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1771, shewing that disputes have arisen about the south-west corner of Midletown, some claiming the same to be in one place and some in another, and that adjoining proprietors have been in great contention about said corner, said Midletown claiming a certain rock-oak tree with stones about it for said corner; praying that a committee might be appointed and examine &c.; on which petition Ebenezer Silliman, Charles Webb and Thomas Belden, Esq[rs], were by the General Assembly held at Hartford in May last appointed a committee, to hear and examine the matters therein alledged and to make report thereof according to law; and said committee having now reported that they have heard said parties on said petition, and that they find that a certain rock-oak tree, standing near the ledge of Beset Mountain with stones about it, is the true south-west corner bounds of said Midletown, and stands about one rod east from the place where a cedar tree originally marked for said corner once stood, and that the west line of said Midletown was run and bounded out in the year 1736, by Thomas Wells, surveyor of lands for Hartford county, by order of Assembly, who began at said rock-oak, and that the line so run, the said rock-oak being one termination thereof, was confirmed and established by the General Assembly held at Hartford in May, 1737; and that said rock-oak is and ought to be adjudged to be the south-west corner of said Midletown; which report on file is now accepted and

approved: And thereupon, resolved by this Assembly, that the rock-oak tree aforesaid with stones about it is the south-west corner of Midletown, and shall always hereafter be so adjudged and reputed in all tryals at law touching the same; and that said petition be dismiss'd with costs.

Upon the petition of John King, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, shewing that before the county court held at Litchfield in September, 1771, he was prosecuted by one Isaac Johnson, of Canaan in said county, and at the suit and information of the King's Attorney for said county, and thereon convicted for stealing a horse and selling the same to the said Johnson, and that he hath been assigned in [262] service to || respond therein &c.; that the evidence then adduced before said court was of the presumptive kind; that the petitioner is wholly innocent of the several matters charged against him and can fully evince the same by direct and positive proof, and that the said prosecutions were had by mistake and were wholly groundless &c.; praying for a committee &c., as per memorial &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed to enquire thereof &c., and have now reported that the action brought by the said Johnson as well as the prosecution against the petitioner upon the information of the said King's Attorney were had by mistake and without foundation, and that he is wholly innocent of the facts therein alledged, and that the same and all the proceedings thereon ought to be made null and void, and the petitioner restored to all he hath suffered thereby &c.; which said report of said committee hath now been accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said judgments of said county court rendered in the action and prosecution aforesaid against the said John King, and each and every of them and all the proceedings thereon, be and they are hereby rendered and declared to be null and void and of no further force and effect, and that the said John be and he is hereby set free and at liberty from his assignment in service on the account thereof, and that all the notes or securities given by him or any other person on his account for the payment of the sums recovered or awarded against him by said county court shall be and the same are hereby declared to be null and void and not recoverable in the law; and that the petitioner shall recover his costs upon his petition, and also the further sum of five pounds in lawful money for the damages and losses he hath suffered and sustained by means of the undue proceedings of the said Johnson in the action brought against him as aforesaid, which shall be paid

him by the said Johnson; and that execution shall be issued by the Secretary against the said Johnson for the same. *Cost allowed petitioner is* £12 11*s.* 8*d. L. Money. Execution granted November* 10*th*, 1773.

Upon the petition of John Gillet of Hebron, preferred to the General Assembly at their session in May, 1769, against Ebenezer Gillett, Joshua Chandler and Benjamin Kissam and others, executors of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Hazard late of the City of New York, deceas'd, a committee being appointed who made their report to the Assembly at the session in October, 1771: Resolved by this Assembly, that Joseph Spencer, Erastus Wolcott and Jonathan Wells, Esq[rs], be and they are hereby appointed a committee, at the cost of the executors of said Hazard, to meet at Hebron, to revise said report, enquire and examine any errors or mistakes particularly alledged and pointed out in a petition preferred to the General Assembly in May, 1772, by the executors of said Hazard against said Gillett &c., and report only such errors and mistakes as they shall find to this or the next General Assembly; and the said report is further continued until such errors, if any be found, be reported, that justice may be done to the parties.

Pass'd in the Upper House, Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

Concurr'd in the Lower House with alteration, That said committee make report to this Assembly in January next, and continuing the report till that time only instead of the next General Assembly. *Test.* WM. WILLIAMS Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'y.

Upon the petition of Thomas Barber the 3d and Co., against Rachel Dowe &c., preferred to this Assembly, Maj[r] Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne, Esq[r], and Mr. Silas Dean be and they are hereby appointed a committee on said petition, to hear and make report with their opinion to this or the next General Assembly to be holden at Hartford; and the execution against the petitioners mentioned in said petition, and all proceedings thereon be and they are hereby suspended until the rising of the General Assembly in May next, or until said matters are heard and determined in case that should be done sooner.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Brown and Thomas Brown, administrators on the estate of Thomas Brown late of Windham, deceas'd, intestate, shewing to this Assembly that one Josiah Manning, of Norwich in New London county, on the [263] 26th || day of Febr. 1762, being indebted to said

Thomas deceas'd when in full life, in order to secure said debt of about £100 0*s*. 0*d*. lawful money, did on said day make and execute a deed of bargain and sale unto said Thomas deceas'd, his heirs &c., two certain pieces or lots of land lying in said town of Norwich, containing one of them about ten acres, the other about twelve acres, as the same are butted and bounded as in said deeds &c., which deeds were duly acknowledged and recorded; and that one Daniel Buck, of said Windham, was indebted to said Thomas deceas'd when in full life in the sum of about £95, lawful money, and in order to secure the same did on the 17th of May, 1769, made and executed a proper deed of bargain and sale to said Thomas deceas'd of his, said Buck's, dwelling-house and about four acres of land lying in said Windham, bounded and described as in said deed, which deed was duly acknowledged and recorded, and that thereby the said Thomas in his life time became well vested with said lands in fee, and that the same were considered by the parties only as a security for said sums, to be released on payment of said debts, and that the said grantors afterwards and before the death of said Thomas severally and respectively paid and satisfied to said Thomas their said several and respective debts and the interest thereon arisen, and the same ought to have been released by said Thomas before his decease to said grantors respectively, yet the same was never done, and that they are desirous that justice and equity may be done, agreeable to intentions and understanding of the parties; praying that they may be authorized and impowered to release and reconvey the same to said grantors respectively &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have authority, and authority and power is hereby given to the memorialists, to make and execute to the said grantors, respectively, deeds of release to reconvey the said lands and reinvest the said Manning and Buck, which they lost by their aforesaid conveyances, and that the same deeds being duly executed, acknowledged and recorded may be given in evidence as a good title to said lands, in all courts of law or equity in this Colony, as if the same had been reconveyed by the said Thomas deceas'd in his life time.

Upon the petition of Eleazer Waterman, against David B. Waterman, shewing to this Assembly that before the 26th of March, 1770, he had lent to said David upwards of two hundred pounds, money, and as security therefor said David had mortgaged his farm to the petitioner's sons John and Peter, and

that afterwards the petitioner had advanced further sums for and on account of said David upwards of four hundred pounds, and had proposed to purchase said David's farm, and not agreeing in the price, after several apprizals and not complying therewith on the part of said Eleazer in March, 1770, other incumbrances, *viz.* an attachment in favour of Mathew Hide, being laid on said farm, the petitioner agreed to buy and said David to sell said farm at the apprizement of Messrs. Elijah Hide, Elijah Mason and John Brown, the said incumbrances and monies advanced by the petitioner to be allowed in part payment therefor, and gave notes in the sum of £500 to each other to abide the bargain at their apprizal, and that said apprizers did apprize said farm at the sum of £984 0 0, and the petitioner refused to abide the bargain and take said farm at said apprizement, and thereupon said David sued said note and recovered judgment thereon against the petitioner for the whole of said note, *viz.* £500 0 0, with cost &c. at the superior court at New London, September term, 1773, as per petition on file; praying for a committee &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Shubael Conant and Joshua West, Esq[rs], and Capt. Experience Storrs be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to examine, adjust and liquidate the several payments made by the petitioner for and on account of said David, including the several incumbrances upon said farm with such interest thereon as said committee shall judge just and reasonable, all circumstances considered, and also consider any supposed damage the said David may have sustained on his part for the not complying with said bargain on the part of the petitioner, and find what further sum is due from the petitioner to said David to compleat said bargain and purchase monies, allowing the price of said farm at £984 0 0, as it was apprized, and their report make of what they shall [264] find with their opinion thereon to this or the next || General Assembly, and that said judgment and execution and all proceedings thereon be stayed in the mean time.

Upon the memorial of James Bates and others, inhabitants and proprietors of a tract of land lying in the north-west corner of the town of Hadam in Hartford county, beginning at the north-west corner of said Hadam and running thence east in the line dividing the town of Midletown from said Hadam to the end of Johnson Lane, so called, in said Midletown, thence turning and running southerly in a highway to the country road from Durham to said Hadam, thence south twenty-two degrees west to the line dividing between

Hadam and Durham, thence turning and running in said line dividing between Durham and Hadam to the first mentioned bounds; shewing that by their remote situation from said Hadam they labour under great grievances and inconveniencies respecting their civil and ecclesiastical privileges, their military duty, and the schooling and education of their children &c.; praying that the said tract of land and the inhabitants thereof may be released from said Hadam and annexed to the town of and ecclesiastical society in Durham in New Haven county &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 28th day of September, A.D. 1772; Resolved by this Assembly, that the above described tract of land with the inhabitants thereon shall be and they are hereby released from said town of Hadam and annexed to and incorporated with the town of and ecclesiastical society in said Durham aforesaid, and shall have and enjoy all privileges in said town of Durham and the ecclesiastical society there equally and in common with the other inhabitants of said town.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Hammond and others, inhabitants of the towns of Mansfield, Ashford and Windham, citing the town of Mansfield &c., and shewing to this Assembly the conveniency and necessity of having a good and convenient cart-bridge built and maintained over Natchauge River in the road leading from Ashford to the society of Canada in the town of Windham &c. near the dwelling-house of Aaron Goodale, and praying that said town of Mansfield may be enjoined to build and maintain the same: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Mansfield shall build and maintain a good and sufficient cart-bridge over said river in the road aforesaid, and at the place where the former bridge lately stood, and that said town of Mansfield shall proceed therein and accomplish the same by ways and means that they shall judge proper, and with as great expedition as the season of the year and nature of the work will admit. And, provided that said town of Mansfield do not take proper measures to accomplish the work abovesaid by the first day of January next, that in that case Messrs. Abner Barker, Elijah Fenton, Joseph Crocker, shall be a committee, and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power, to direct, order and build such bridge in the place aforesaid; and that said committee shall render to this Assembly at their session at Hartford in May next an account of their disbursements on account of the expence of said bridge, in order to their reimbursement in such way as shall appear to be just and right.

Upon the petition of John Watts, of the City and Province of New York, and William Nicholl, of Islip on Long Island in said Province, surviving executors of the last will and testament of Benjamin Nicholl late of said New York, deceas'd, against Henry Van Dyche, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, Esq^{r}, administrator on the estate of Abel Beach late of said Stratford, deceas'd, and Ann Beach, William Beach and Lewiss Beach, all of said Stratford, children and heirs of the said Abel Beach, representing to this Assembly that the said Abel Beach in his life time, in and by his certain deed by him well executed, completed and recorded according to law, bearing date the 15th day of November, 1766, for the consideration of £1044 9 10, current lawful money of the Province of New York, bargained, sold and conveyed to the said John [265] Watts and William Nicholl, and to William Nicholl of ‖ Shelter Island in said Province of New York, another of the executors of the last will and testament of the said Benjamin Nicholl, Esq^{r}, deceased, since also deceas'd, certain lands and buildings situate in said Stratford in and by said deed and petition particularly mentioned and described, which deed was made defeazible upon the said Abel's paying to the petitioners and to said Nicholl deceas'd, the said sum of one thousand and forty-four pounds nine shillings and ten pence, current lawful money of the Province of New York, with lawful interest, at or before the first day of April, 1768, as by said deed may appear; that said Abel having met with misfortunes in trade not long after the date of said deed died insolvent, without having paid any part of said sum for which the said lands were so mortgaged, nor hath any part thereof or the interest thereon arisen been since paid, but said administrators having proceeded in due course of law therein, it appears that said Abel's estate is greatly insolvent, nor is it in the power of said administrator, nor would it be for the interest of the creditors to said estate to redeem the said mortgaged premises, for that the petitioners having caused the said lands to be duly apprized it appears that the same are in value far short of the sum for which they were so mortgaged as aforesaid, so that the petitioners have no hopes of obtaining any part of said large sum but by sale or lease of said mortgaged premises, while the buildings on said land and the fences round the same are gone so extremely to decay that it will require a considerable additional sum to put the same into tenantable repair, which they are unwilling to advance while they hold the same under the present tenure &c.; praying that the said administrator or said heirs of said

Abel may in a reasonable time, to be prescribed, redeem the said mortgaged premises or in failure thereof that the said administrator and the said heirs of said Abel, their heirs and assigns, be foreclosed and thereafter debarred of redeeming the same &c., as per said petition on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administr[ator] or said heirs of said Abel shall and do within the space of three months from the rising of this Assembly redeem the said mortgaged premises, and on failure thereof that the said administrator and the said heirs of said Abel, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, be and they are hereby foreclosed and forever thereafter debarred of all and any equity of redemption therein; and that the petitioners, their heirs and assigns, may and shall hold and dispose of the said lands and buildings in said deed mentioned and described, and every part and parcel of the same, free and clear, and freely and absolutely discharged of and from all and any equity of redemption therein and of the proviso in said deed mentioned and contained.

Upon the petition of Samuel Hassard, of Colchester, against William Brown, Esq^{r}, of Salem, preferred to this Assembly in May, 1772, which by sundry continuances came to the Assembly in May, 1773, and William Hilhouse, William Whiting and John Watrous, Esq^{rs}, were appointed to hear, examine and report according to law, who have reported that having heard and examined the matters alledged in said petition they find that the petitioner ought to be exonerated from the payments of all rents and the fulfilment of all the covenants in the lease mentioned in said petition, which became due or were to be performed on or at any time before the 25th of March, 1773; and that the petitionee pay the petitioner the sum of £45 9 1, in full satisfaction of the matters alledged in said petition, as per petition and report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner be and he is hereby exonerated from the payment of all rents and fulfilment of all covenants contained in said lease from the petitionee to the petitioner, which were due or to be fulfilled on or before the 25th day of March, 1773, and no recovery of damages at law shall be had thereon for any such supposed breach of covenant or rents due before the time aforesaid; and that the petitioner recover of the petitionee £45 9 4, lawful money; and that execution be issued therefor accordingly. *Cost allowed petit^{r} is* £15 0*s.* 0*d.* *Ex. granted Feb.* 10*th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, *vs.* Philip

Livingston, Esq^{r}, &c., brought to this Assembly May, 1772, praying for an act of insolvency in his favour, and upon the report of a committee appointed by the Assembly in May last, *viz.* Ebenezer Williams, David Burr and John Brooks, [266] Esq^{rs}, returned to this Assembly‖ relative to said Saltonstall's circumstances &c. &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said committee's report be accepted so far as relates to the facts found, and that the further consideration of the report aforesaid and the petition be referred to the General Assembly in May next; and that the person and estate of the petitioner be freed and secured from arrests and imprisonment on account of any debts due before the date of said petition until the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Samuel Chapman, Esq^{r}, of Toland, and Timothy Scott, of East Windsor in Hartford county, against John Ray, of the City and Province of New York, preferred to the General Assembly in October, 1771, praying to redeem certain lands in said East Windsor: one piece contains one hundred and thirty acres, bounding as follows, *viz.* beginning at a heap of stones about twenty rods north of said Timothy's dwelling-house, in the corner of the highway, from thence runs southerly by said highway about one hundred rods to the fence on the south side of his orchard, then west two hundred rods, then north one hundred rods to Daniel Elsworth's jun$^{r's}$ land, then in the line between said Elsworth and said Scott to the first corner; and one other piece of land which said Scott bought of Joseph Cogswell lying east of said Scott's dwelling-house, and east of the highway, and contains about twenty acres, butted and bounded as in said deed on record, reference thereto being had, which on the 14th day of October, 1768, were mortgaged to the petitionee; Colo. Jabez Hamlin, Colo. Samuel Talcott and Roger Newberry, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee to hear said petition and to make report, which committee having heard report that they find that on the 14th day of October, 1768, the petitioners were indebted to the said John Ray by bond of that date the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight pounds nineteen shillings, money of New York, to be paid in eighteen months from the date with lawful interest, for security of said sum the petitioners gave a deed of the aforesaid lands defeazible by the petitioners or either of them paying the aforesaid sum in the condition of said bond contained and the interest according to the true intent thereof; that the petitionee has ejected the petitioners from said lands by judgment of court and took

actual possession thereof in April, 1771; that said lands are worth £450 or £500, lawful money, and that the principal and interest secured by said mortgage on the 14th of October, A.D. 1772 amounted to £172 6 0, New York money; that the profits of said lands amounted for two years to £40 0 0, New York money, &c., as per report on file; which report being accepted by this Assembly: Resolved, that upon the petitioners, their heirs, or either of them, paying to said Ray, his heirs, executors, or his attorney &c., the sum of one hundred thirty-nine pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence, current money of New York, within three months from the rising of this Assembly, the said John Ray shall release and convey unto the petitioners all his right, title, claim and interest in and to said mortgaged premises, or in default thereof forfeit and pay to the petitioners the sum of one thousand pounds, lawful money.

Upon the petition of William Adams jun^{r} and Alexander Pygan Adams, both of New London, shewing to this Assembly that in the course of their trade and business many misfortunes have attended them, so that they are unable to pay their just debts; that they are willing to resign all their estate into the hands of trustees for the benefit of their creditors; praying that they and each of them may be freed from arrest and imprisonment for any debt from them oweing &c.; as per petition, dated April 23d, 1773, may appear; and none of the creditors appearing to oppose the prayer of said petition: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that Richard Deshon, William Coit and George Buttolph Hurlbutt be and they are hereby appointed trustees to receive an assignment of all the estate and effects of the petitioners and of each of them, for the use and benefit of their creditors. And said trustees are hereby impowered to proceed in the execution of said trust in the same manner, and are vested with the same powers, as trustees of the estate of insolvent debtors were directed to [267] proceed and ‖ were vested with by a late law of this Colony, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors. And the petitioners and each of them making a legal assignment of all their estate and effects to said trustees for the use and benefit of their creditors, they and each of them are hereby intituled to the same privileges, freedom and exemption from arrest and imprisonment for or on account of any debt from them or either of them due and oweing at the date

of their said petition, as insolvent debtors conforming to said act were thereby intituled to have and receive. And a certificate under the hands of said trustees of such assignment being made by the petitioners, as by this act is required, and an attested copy of this act produced, shall be a sufficient warrant to liberate the petitioners and either of them from arrest or imprisonment for any debt from them due and owe-ing at the date of their said petition. Provided, and it is hereby ordered and enacted, that nothing in this act shall be construed to discharge or release Pygan Adams, Esq^{r}, and John Richards of New London, or either of them, from the remedies which Jesse Spaulding, Roswell Morgan, Samuel Wheeler, Stephen Hall, Joseph Shepard and Christopher Green might have had against them on sundry notes of hand executed by the petitioners, or either of them, and said Pygan Adams, Esq^{r}, and John Richards, jointly or jointly and severally, if the petitioners had not been liberated from arrest and imprisonment: but the same remedies may be had and pursued by the above-named creditors against said Pygan Adams, Esq^{r}, and John Richards for the recovery of their several debts as they by law had right to have and pursue before the passing this act; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the petition of William Samuel Johnson, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, and of John Watts, of the City and Province of New York, and William Nicholl, of Islip on Long Island in said Province, said Watts and Nicholl being surviving executors of the last will and testament of Benjamin Nicholl, late of said New York, deceased, representing to this Assembly that Abijah Beach, of Stratford aforesaid, by his certain deed well executed and recorded according to law, bearing date the 15th day of November, 1766, for the consideration of £938 5 4, New York money, bargained, sold and conveyed to the said William Nicholl and John Watts, and to William Nicholl, of Shelter Island in said Province of New York, since deceas'd, another of the executors of the said Benjamin Nicholl, certain lands and buildings in said deed particularly mentioned and described, which deed was made defeasible on payment of the said sum of £938 5 4, current lawful money of the Province of New York, with lawful interest for the same, at or before the first day of April, 1768, as by said deed may appear; that the said Abijah also on the same 15th day of November, 1766, for the consideration of £219 1*s.* 9*d.* lawful money, by his certain deed of that date well executed, completed and recorded

according to law, bargained, sold and conveyed to the said William Samuel Johnson, his heirs and assigns, certain other lands and meadows situate in said Stratford and in said last mentioned deed particularly mentioned and described, which last mentioned deed was made defeazible upon the payment of said sum of £219 1*s* 9*d*, lawful money, with lawful interest for the same, at or before the first day of November, 1768, as by said deed may appear; that the said Abijah not long after making the conveyances aforesaid became insolvent, in consequence whereof and pursuant to an act of the General Assembly held at New Haven in October last all the said Abijah's estate, both real and personal, in law and equity, hath been assigned for the benefit of his creditors to Theophilus Nicholls and John Brooks, Esq[rs], and Doct. Jos. Clark, trustees appointed by said act, and to them alone belongs the equity of redemption of said mortgaged premises; that no part of the said sums for which said lands were mortgaged or the interest thereon hath been paid, nor have the petitioners any remedy for said moneys or means to obtain any part of the same but by sale of said lands, which are in value far short of the monies due upon said mortgages &c.; praying that said trustees may in a reasonable time redeem said mortgaged premises, or on failure thereof that they, the said trustees, and all the creditors of said Abijah, their heirs and assigns, be by decree of this Assembly fore-
[268] closed and thereafter debarred of || redeeming the same &c., as per said petition on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said trustees do and shall within the space of three months from and after the rising of this Assembly redeem the said mortgaged premises, and on failure thereof that the said trustees and all the creditors of said Abijah, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, be and they are hereby foreclosed and forever thereafter debarred of all and any equity of redemption therein; and that the petitioners, their heirs and assigns respectively, may and shall have, hold and dispose of the said mortgaged premises according to their respective conveyances aforesaid, free and clear and freely and clearly discharged of and from all and any equity of redemption therein and of the provisoes in said deeds respectively mentioned and contained.

Upon the petition of William Samuel Johnson, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, against Henry Van Dyck of said Stratford, Esq[r], administrator on the estate of Abel Beach late of said Stratford, deceas'd, and Ann Beach, William Beach and Lewiss Beach, all of said Stratford, the

children and heirs of the said Abel Beach, representing to this Assembly that the said Abel Beach in his life time, in and by his certain deed by him well executed, completed and recorded according to law, bearing date the 15th day of November 1766, for the consideration of £219 1*s*. 9*d*. lawful money, bargained sold and conveyed to the said William Samuel Johnson, his heirs and assigns, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments, which in and by said deed and in said petition are particularly mentioned and described, which deed was made defeazible upon the said Abel's paying to the petitioner the said sum of £219 1*s*. 9*d*. lawful money, with lawful interest, at or before the first day of November 1768, as by said deed may appear; that said Abel having met with misfortunes in trade not long after the date of said deed died insolvent, without having paid any part of said sum for which said lands were so mortgaged, nor hath any part thereof or the interest thereon arisen been since paid, but said administrator having proceeded in due course of law thereon it appears, that said Abel's estate is greatly insolvent, nor is it in the power of said administrator, nor would it be for the interest of the creditors to said estate, to redeem the said mortgaged premises, for that the petitioner having caused the said lands to be duly apprized it appears that the same are in value far short of the sum for which they were so mortgaged as aforesaid, so that the petitioner has no hopes of obtaining any part of said large sum but by sale or lease of said mortgaged premises, while the fences round the same are gone so extremely to decay that it will require a considerable additional sum to put the same into tenantable repair, which he is unwilling to advance while he holds the same under the present tenure &c; praying that the said administrator or said heirs of said Abel may in a reasonable time, to be prescribed, redeem the said mortgaged premises, or on failure thereof that said administrator and the said heirs of said Abel, their executors, administrators and assigns, be foreclosed and thereafter debarred of redeeming the same &c., as per said petition on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator or said heirs of said Abel shall and do within the space of three months from the rising of this Assembly redeem the said mortgaged premises, and on failure thereof that the said administrator and the said heirs of the said Abel, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, be and they are hereby foreclosed and forever thereafter debarred of all and any equity of redemption therein, and

that the petitioner, his heirs and assigns may and shall have, hold, enjoy and dispose of the said lands and tenements in said deed mentioned and described, and every part and parcel of the same, free and clear and freely and clearly discharged of and from all and any equity of redemption therein, and of the proviso in said deed mentioned and contained.

[269] The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen to stand for Election in May next, as sent in to the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October 1773, are as follow, viz:

The Hon^{ble} Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r},
The Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r},

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r},	Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r},
Shubael Conant, Esq^{r},	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r},	James Abrah. Hilhouse, Esq^{r},
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r},	The Hon^{ble} Thos. Fitch, Esq^{r},*
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r},	Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r},
William Pitkin, Esq^{r},	Major Erastus Wolcott,
Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},	Mr. Saml. Huntington, of Nor.
Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r},	Major Saml. Holden Parsons,
William Saml. Johnson, Esq^{r},	Mr. Daniel Sherman.

Upon the memorial of Asahel Phelps, of Hebron in Hartford county, shewing to this Assembly that he being indebted to the Governor and Company in the sum of £173 0 0, became bound with surety for payment of the same to the Treasurer with interest by the first of November next, when he expected to be able to pay and satisfy said debt, but that it has so happened that several debts on which he depended to enable him to make said payment to the amount of half said debt have failed of payment and cannot be recovered without lawsuits, whereby he is rendered unable to make full payment at the set time; praying this Assembly to order and direct the Treasurer upon receiving half said sum with the interest, to forbear the memorialist for the other half said sum until the first of November, 1774, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be ordered, and he is hereby ordered and directed, upon the said memorialist's paying the one half said sum with the interest upon the whole at the set time, to forbear collecting the other half upon his giving bond with sufficient surety for the payment of the same with interest by the first of November, 1774.

Upon the memorial of Lemuel Lamb, of Stonington in the county of New London, representing to this Assembly that

* The name of Mr. Fitch appears here for the last time in the list of nominations. He died at Norwalk, July 18th, 1774, aged 74.

he, together with Messrs. Oliver Babcock, Peleg Noyes, John Wheeler, Asa Brown and Stephen Hall, all of said Stonington, were duly chosen and sworn to the office of listers within and for said town of Stonington for the year 1772, and faithfully attended said service, and upon inspection there was found the sum of £1309 15*s.* 6*d.* rateable estate in said town which ought to be added to the list of said town for said year, and also the sum of £603 16 0, fourfold assessment on the estate of said town, a certificate of which was duly made up and compleated in order to transmit to said Assembly; praying that the said returns may be accepted as though the same had been transmitted to said Assembly; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of £1309 15 6, being the single addition, and the said sum of £603 16 0, being the fourfold assessments, be accepted and received, and the Treasurer of this Colony is ordered to send forth his warrant accordingly.

[270] Upon the memorial of Susannah Grant, of Coventry in Windham county, shewing to this Assembly that [in] the spring of the year A.D. 1756 her husband, Capt. Noah Grant,* went into the war, from whence he never returned nor hath been heard of since, and was probably slain in battle, and that his estate is greatly insolvent; that none of his creditors think it worth their while to take administration thereon, and that there are some small debts due to said estate, particularly said Noah's wages in his last and fatal campaign, which would be beneficial to the memorialist and her children in her low circumstances; and praying for an act of this Assembly to enable her to recover said debts without being liable to said Noah's creditors &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist advertise in the Hartford, New London and one of the New York newspapers three weeks successively this act of Assembly, and after three months from her having advertised as aforesaid, if no creditor or creditors of said Noah appear to take administration on said estate, the memorialist is hereby enabled to take administration on said estate without being accountable or liable to any of the creditors of said Noah; and the court of probate for the district of Windham is hereby impowered and directed to grant administration to the memorialist as aforesaid, and the memorialist is to account to the court of probate aforesaid for her proceeding in collecting said debts,

* Great-grandfather of General Ulysses S. Grant.

Upon the memorial of Christopher Christophers, Esq^{r}, sheriff of the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that the number of deputies he is by law enabled to depute are not sufficient to do the business of the county; praying for an addition &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to depute two deputies more than the number already allowed by law within said county, to serve as deputies to the memorialist within said county.

Whereas the report of the committee appointed in May last upon the memorial of the society of Orford now exhibited to this Assembly has not been upon motion accepted &c., and the memorialists now moving by their agent that another committee may be appointed thereon &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Elihu Chauncey, John Owen, Esq^{r}, and Mr. Richard Hale be and they are hereby appointed a committee thereon, to repair to said society, view the same under all its circumstances, and affix a stake within the same in the most suitable and convenient place for the purpose of building a new meeting-house for publick worship, and make report of their doings with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly at Hartford in May next.

Upon the memorial of Charles Eldridge jun^{r} and others, listers of the town of Groton for the year 1772, shewing to this Assembly that they transmitted to the Assembly in May last the single and fourfold additions to the list of said town, but by mistake made no distinction between the fourfold and single additions, and that said return was not received, and praying that the same be now receiv'd and entered properly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the fourfold additions to the list of said town, amounting to £928 6 0, and the single additions amounting to £269 2 0, in said year, be received and duly entered, as though said return had been properly made and certified in May last.

On the memorial of Aaron Cook, administrator on the estate of Moses Cook late of Hartford in the district of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £256 6 3, lawful money; that said administrator has no moveable estate in his hands to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell the real estate of the said deceas'd to enable said memorialist to pay said debt to the amount of £256 6 3, L. money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the

memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd [271] as will ‖ raise said sum of £256 6 3, lawful money, together with incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale of said estate.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Chapman, administrator on the estate of William Fuller late of East Hadam, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges as exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of said East Hadam surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd and what land has been heretofore sold by order of the General Assembly the sum of £16 6 7½, lawful money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as should be sufficient to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assem bly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £16 6 7½, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of East Hadam therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Lacy and Deborah Lacy, both of Fairfield, administrators on the goods and estate of Edward Lacy, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate and allowed by the court of probate within and for the district of Fairfield, including a small allowance of necessaries to the widow, exceed the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd by the sum of £177 6 5½, lawful money, and that they have nothing in their hands to pay said sum; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given and granted unto them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Edward Lacy as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £177 6 5½, together with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the said court of probate therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Squier of Fairfield, administrator on the goods and estate of Samuel Squier late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate within and for Fairfield district exceed the moveable estate of said deceased by the sum of £82 8 11, lawful money, and that he has nothing in his hands to pay said sum;

praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise that sum with the incident charges, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority are hereby granted to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceased Samuel as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £82 8 11 with the incident charges; taking the direction of said court of probate therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Burr of Fairfield, executor of the last will and testament of Samuel Burr late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd Samuel, which have been allowed by the court of probate within and for Fairfield district, exceed the moveable estate of said deceas'd by the sum of £211 15 8½, lawful money, and that he has nothing in his hands to pay that sum with, and that said deceas'd made no provision therefor in his last will and testament; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority are hereby granted unto him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Samuel as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £211 15 8½ lawful money; taking the direction of the court of probate aforesaid therein.

Upon the memorial of the first society in Stafford in the county of Hartford, by their agent Daniel Alden, Esq^{r}, shewing that said society had duly voted to build a new meeting-house in said society for divine worship; that they had applied to the county court of said county for a committee to affix a stake for that purpose, but was denied for certain [272] reasons and objections then offered &c., and ‖ praying for a committee to view and affix the same &c.. as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jabez Hamlin, Joseph Spencer and William Wells, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to view said society and the situation thereof, and the old meeting-house now standing thereon, with all the circumstances attending the same; and if they, the said committee, shall be of opinion that it will be best, everything considered, that said society should proceed in the building of said new house, that they do then proceed to affix a stake in the most convenient place for the building the same: but if they, said committee, should judge it most convenient and accommodable for said inhabitants that said old house should be repaired, that then they

do signify the same to them, and upon the whole make report with their opinion thereon to this or the next General Assembly to be holden at Hartford.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Williams, Jonathan Lyman and a large number of others, inhabitants of the first society in Lebanon in the county of Windham, preferred to this Assembly in October, 1772, shewing at large the state and circumstances of said society, their antient agreements respecting the place of their meeting-house, the fixing of such place by a former committee of the Assembly, the antient proposals and agreement about dividing said society by a line agreed and recorded on said society records &c., and complaining of a certain vote obtained in said society to pull down and remove said meeting-house &c., as per memorial on file; and on said memorial the Hon^ble^ Ebenezer Silliman, Jabez Hamlin and Oliver Wolcott, Esq^rs^, were by this Assembly in said October, 1772, appointed a committee to repair to said society, hear the parties at large, endeavour to reconcile them &c., and if they should not be able then to enquire diligently into all the circumstances relative to said controversy and difficulties, and make report of all such matters as might appear material for a determination on said memorial to said Gen- General Assembly, with their opinion thereon, as per said appointment on file; which committee having reported, that having first notified all parties to appear before them at the house of Simeon Gray, innholder in said Lebanon, on the 24th of November, 1772, they repaired to said Gray's, and on the 24th, 25th and 26th of said November heard the parties by themselves, their agents or attorneys, in all their pleas, allegations and evidences, relating to the subject matter of said complaint that said parties thought proper to lay before them; and that upon the whole matters they find, that there was an antient agreement that the meeting-house should stand on the meeting-house hill, where it now stands, and that said agreement was entered into for good reasons, and has had its influence from the beginning, and ought to be held sacred and inviolate; that the meeting-house is a capacious building, and with proper repairs might continue, extraordinaries excepted, a convenient and elegant building for publick worship for a great while yet to come; that the northern people have procured a vote of the society for removing the meeting-house near a mile further north, and appear to be much engaged in it, though at present seem to be willing to defer the doing thereof during the life of their present pastor; that in antient day the people had it in idea

that there would be a new society in the northern part, called the village, which has had that appellation from the beginning, and a proposed line has been kept up between the old and new proposed societies; that when the present meeting-house was built the place was fixed and ascertained on said antient agreement, and with a view and prospect of said new society's being formed in some future time, and provision was made to reimburse the people living northerly of a certain line agreed on, what they should pay towards building the present meeting-house; and that, upon the facts thus found, they are of opinion that the meeting-house ought to remain where it now stands, according to said antient agreement, and that the same be kept in good and sufficient repair at the cost and expence of the whole society; and that whenever the northern or village people shall think it their interest to be set off a distinct society and shall obtain a grant of the General Assembly therefor, the society then remaining shall refund and pay back to such new society what the inhabitants north of such agreement line as aforesaid did advance and pay towards building the present meeting-house, as well as what they shall hereafter pay towards the repairing said [273] house; as per said report on file, ‖ which report is and is hereby accepted and approved; and said committee being present and further reporting to this Assembly, that it was their opinion and understanding, that said Assembly ought to and would limit a reasonable time within which the said village people, or the people northerly of said proposed line of division, should be made into a distinct society accordingly, and in order to be entituled to said reimbursement, which time they judged it did not properly appertain to them to limit and ascertain: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the meeting-house in said society shall be fixed and remain on said meeting-house hill, where it now stands, according to said antient agreement, and that the same shall be kept in good and sufficient repair at the cost of the whole society. And it is further resolved, that if the said northerly inhabitants shall think it for their interest to be a distinct society according to said antient agreement-line, and shall obtain a grant therefor of the General Assembly, the said society remaining shall refund and pay back to such new society what they paid towards building the present meeting-house, as well as what they shall hereafter pay towards repairing said house: on condition they shall apply for and obtain such grant of Assembly within five years from the rising of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Shaw, of New London in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1771 the memorialist was the sole director, provider for the light-house in New London, and that he was obliged to expend of his own money in that business about twenty pounds, lawful money, more than he received, and that the fund for the support of the said light-house is not sufficient to repay your Hon^rs memorialist; praying that the same may be ordered to be paid out of the treasury &c., as per memorial, dated October 18th, 1773: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. Richard Law, Esq^r, and Capt. Guy Richards, of said New London, and Mr. Thomas Mumford of Groton, be a committee to examine into the matters alledged in said memorial, and also to examine into the state of the light money received by Jeremiah Miller, Esq^r, of New London, and David Wooster, Esq^r, of New Haven, and make report thereof with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly at their sessions in May next.

Upon the memorial of Zebulon Crane and Hannah his wife, and William Marsh, which Hannah and William are executors of the last will and testament of Cyrus Marsh, Esq^r, late of Kent, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate surmount the personal estate the sum of £200 4 10½, and that there is no provision made in said will for payment of the debts &c.; praying leave of this Assembly to sell so much of the real estate of the said Cyrus Marsh as to make the said sum of £200 4 10½ with the incident charges of such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Heman Swift, Esq^r, of Cornwell in Litchfield county, be and hereby is impowered and authorized to sell so much of the real estate of the said Cyrus Marsh, Esq^r, as to make the sum of £200 4 10½, lawful money, with the charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Sharon.

Upon the memorial of Jerusha Merrick of Branford, widow and relict of the Rev^d Jonathan Merrick late of said Branford, deceas'd, and Jonathan Merrick, a minor, by his guardian Abigail Merrick of said Branford, Timothy Russell of said Branford and Chloe his wife, in right of his said wife, and Jerusha Mosely of Glastonbury, a minor, by her father and guardian Isaac Mosely, late Isaac Mosely jun^r of said Glastonbury, and Sarah Merrick of said Branford, the heirs and legal representatives of said Jonathan Merrick deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the court of probate for the

district of Guilford had caused to be made a division of part of the estate that belonged to said heirs, but could not make a compleat division of the whole, by reason that part only of their said estate came by descent and the other part by deed, and praying that a division made by said heirs by and with the consent of the parents and guardians of those that are minors may be established and confirmed &c., as per memorial on file; which division and partition being executed under the hands and seals of said heirs and the guardians, bearing date the 22d day of October, 1773: This Assembly do establish and confirm the division and partition of said estate so made to and among the said heirs and representatives of said deceas'd; and the same being duly recorded in the records of the court of probate shall be deemed a good and compleat partition of said real estate therein mentioned, in the same manner as though the parties and heirs therein [274] named and interested || had all been of full age and executed the same in the most ample and legal manner; and that the division made by order of said court of probate of part of said estate be superceeded and set aside, and the same is hereby superceeded and made null and void: provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to effect the dower or thirds of the said widow Jerusha Merrick in said estate, but that the same may be set out to her by order of the judge of probate for said district of Guilford whenever she shall make application therefor.

Upon the memorial of John Smith, executor on the last will and testament of Joseph Clark late of Hadam, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £85 13 8, lawful money, and that no provision being made in said will to sell the estate &c.; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the said sum of £85 13 8, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of John Eaton and Hannah Eaton, administrators on the estate of Thomas Eaton late of Tolland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate with some allowance made to the widow surmount the moveable inventioned part of said

estate the sum of £27 1 2½, lawful money; praying this Assembly to authorize said memorialists, or some other meet person, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the said sum of £27 1 2½, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby given to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of said real estate as to raise the said sum of £27 1 2½, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Caleb Moses, executor on the last will and testament of Caleb Moses jun[r] late of Symsbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges with some small allowances to the widow of the said deceas'd surmounts the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £76 6 5, lawful money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £76 6 5, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said executor be and he is hereby impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall amount to the sum of £76 6 5, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

On the memorial of Edward Riggs, of Derby in New Haven county, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of Jabez Riggs late of Derby, deceas'd, surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £49 13 5, lawful money, including a specifick legacy to the widow and some allowance for bringing up the two children of the deceas'd till four years of age, and that he has nothing in his hand to pay said sum of £49 13 5: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Edward Riggs have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to the said Edward Riggs, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Jabez Riggs deceas'd as shall raise the said sum of £49 13 5, lawful money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Lusher Gay of Killingley, executor to the last will and testament of Henry Merrett late of said Killingley, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that there is no provision made in said will for the payment of the just

debts of said deceas'd, and that the debts due from said deceas'd's estate surmount the moveable or personal estate the sum of £58 2 1½, after allowance made to the widow [275] &c.; praying for || liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £58 2 1½, with the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £58 2 1½ with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret therein.

Upon the memorial of Dinah Geer, administratrix on the estate of William Geer late of Preston, dec^{d}, shewing to this Assembly that the said deceas'd did in his life time by his last will and testament give all his personal estate to his daughter, it being £164 6 4, and his real estate to his two sons, Abel and Lebbeus, it being £492 0 0, and ordered his son Lebbeus to pay his debts, and appointed his son Lebbeus executor to his said last will and testament, and the said Lebbeus being under the age of seventeen years and so incapable of legally executing said will, whereupon the said administratrix was appointed to administer on said deceas'd's estate, according to the said last will of said deceas'd, and said personal estate being distributed according to said will the memorialist hath nothing in her hands for the payment of debts due from the estate of said deceas'd, which with the charges of administration allowed by said court of probate amounts to the sum of £93 12 5; and praying that she with some other meet person may be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd, and of that part that was given by said will to said Lebbeus, as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £93 12 5, with the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist with Mr. Ephraim Herrick of said Preston have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd, and of that part given by said will to said Lebbeus, as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £93 12 5 with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

Upon the memorial of Gideon Johnson, of Derby in the county of New Haven, representing to this Assembly that Deac^{n} Gideon Johnson, late of said Derby, deceas'd, first having made his last will and testament since proved and

approved in due form of law, in which said last will he, said deceas'd, gave his then dwelling-house and homestead, containing about forty acres of land in said Derby, to Ichabod Johnson his son, an idiot, allowing the improvement of the one half thereof to his widow during her natural life, and after the death of the said Ichabod then to the memorialist, and that said dwelling-house and fences being greatly decayed and out of repair, and also that the interest of the moneys that said land would sell for would far surmount the rents of the same; praying for liberty to sell said house and land: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Gideon Johnson have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to sell said house and about forty acres of land adjoining in said Derby, first securing said town of Derby for the maintenance of said Ichabod, so far as the avails of said land shall go.

On the memorial of Benjamin Bevin of Midletown, administrator on the estate of Michael Slead late of Midletown in said colony, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £6 0 6, L. money, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £6 0 6, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein; and to make and pass a deed or deeds accordingly.

On the memorial of Sarah Wilkinson, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Wilkinson late of Durham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown, together with some [276] allowance of necessary household goods allowed the ‖ widow by said court, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £18 18*s.* 4*d.*, lawful money, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Majr James Wadsworth of Durham be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, with the advice of said court of probate, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £18 18 4, lawful money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale, and to deliver the said sum of £18 18 4 to the said administratrix, to enable her to pay the debts aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Hopson, administrator of the estate of John Fosdick late of Guilford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Guilford surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £168 1 7½; praying liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £168 1*s.* 7½*d.*, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Griswold of Norwich, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Griswold late of said Norwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges on said estate surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £42 12*s.* 5½*d.*; praying for liberty from this Assembly to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall discharge the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrator have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise a sum sufficient to discharge said sum of £42 12 5½, lawful money, together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

Upon the memorial of William Denslow, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, praying for a grant out of the Colony treasury on account of a wound received in the service of this Colony: Resolved, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed and ordered to pay unto the said William Denslow the sum of ten pounds out of the Colony treasury.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Mayhew, Jacob Rodgers and others, Indians of the tribe of Scatacook in this Colony, shewing to this Assembly that their late overseer, Reuben Swift of Kent, is removed by death, and praying for the appointment of a successor &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Lieut. Abraham Fuller of Kent be appointed, and he is hereby appointed Overseer and Guardian of the said tribe of Indians, with full power to take care of their estates.

On the memorial of John Willcox, of Hadam in Hartford county, conservator of the person and estate of Elnathan Wilcox, of Killingworth in New London county, representing

that on exhibiting his account to the county court held at New London in New London county, June term, 1773, there was found by said court a balance due from said Elnathan to said memorialist of £39 17 3, lawful money; praying liberty to make sale of the real estate of said Elnathan Wilcox &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said Elnathan Wilcox as will raise the sum of £39 17 3, lawful money, with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Guilford therein.

On the memorial of Isaac Sturges of Fairfield, administrator on the estate of Daniel Sturges, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of Daniel Sturgis of said Fairfield, deceas'd, [277] with a small allowance to the ‖ widow of the said deceas'd, surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £137 16 9; praying to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise and pay the sum of £137 16 9, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of John Bradford, administrator on the estate of Joseph Willoughby late of New London, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the remaining debts due from said estate is the sum of £12 3 6, lawful money, and that he has not in his hands wherewith to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is given him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £12 3 6, L. money, with the charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in New London district therein.

Upon the memorial of Esther Willard of Killingsworth in the county of New London, administratrix of the estate of Nathan Willard late of said Killingsworth, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd with necessaries allowed the widow of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £11 2 11; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real

estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with the charges arising on such sale, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that Caleb Baldwin of said Killingsworth have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £11 2 11 with the charges arising on such sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein; and that he pay said sum to said administratrix for the purpose of paying said debts.

Upon the memorial of the town of Norwich, by their agent Benjamin Huntington, Esq^r, shewing to this Assembly that whereas the Hon^ble Assembly, in May, 1772, granted to said town of Norwich liberty to set up a lottery * to raise the sum of six hundred pounds, lawful money, for the purpose of adding to and finishing the Great Bridge across the cove in said Norwich, and for refunding to the former committee for building said bridge, which lottery being drawn and compleated and the said sum of six hundred pounds, lawful money, so raised being expended and found insufficient for the purpose aforesaid, and said bridge being only in part finished &c.; praying for liberty to set up another class in addition to said lottery, under the same regulations of said former lottery, for the purpose of raising such sum as this Assembly should see fit. to be applied and expended for the purposes aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Norwich have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said town, to set up another class in addition to said lottery at the proper risque of said town of Norwich, so as to raise a sum not exceeding two hundred and seventy-eight pounds, lawful money, to be improved at the direction of said town for the benefit of said bridge: the said town of Norwich to appoint managers or directors of said lottery, who shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of said trust till finally drawn and compleated; and the monies thereby raised to be all expended in defraying the costs and expences of said bridge in such form and manner as said town shall judge to be most for the publick benefit; and the said town of Norwich to render account of their doings in the premises to this Assembly when thereto required. And said town is hereby enabled and impowered to take sufficient bond of said managers or any other persons, conditioned that said managers shall faithfully execute said trust, so that said town and all adventurers in said lottery may be

* Vol. xiii, 610.

indemnified and saved harmless from all fraud or injustice in the premises. Provided also, and it is further resolved, that said additional lottery shall be drawn and compleated as soon as may be, and before the first day of June next, on penalty that this grant and liberty, and every clause thereof, shall be null and void.

Upon the memorial of the Rev[d] Samuel Clark of Farmington, shewing that the committee, *viz*: Jabez Hamlin, Erastus Wolcott and Elisha Williams, Esq[rs], appointed by the General Assembly in October last with full powers to notify all con- [278] cerned and to || examine into and consider all circumstances relative to said Clark's interest and how far the same may be affected by the division of the society of Kensington of which he was minister, and what compensation ought to be made him and by whom, and generally whatever shall appear necessary and expedient, that full and compleat justice might be done him &c., may be reappointed &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid committee be and they are reappointed, with full powers to notify all concerned and to examine into and consider all circumstances relative to said Clark's interest and how far the same may be affected by the division of the society of Kensington, and what compensation ought to be made him and by whom, and generally whatever shall appear necessary and expedient that full and compleat justice may be done him, said Clark; and report what they shall find with their opinion thereon to this Assembly, or the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Canfield and Mary Stone, administrators on the estate of Benajah Stone late of New Milford, deceas'd, and Read Garlick of said New Milford, shewing to this Assembly that said Garlick procured said Benajah to be security for him to Abel Hine &c., committee of the parsonage monies of the first society in New Milford, for the sum of £20 17 6, for which they gave their note jointly and severally, and for the purpose of indemnifying said Benajah gave a clear deed of about six acres of land to said Benajah, and since the death of said Benajah said Garlick has paid the said monies; praying said administrators may be enabled to reconvey said lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrators of said Benajah deceas'd be, and they are hereby, fully impowered to reconvey said lands to said Garlick, and he be fully revested with the title to said lands, as fully as he would have been had he never conveyed the same to said Benajah, said deed notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Chloe Griswold, administratrix on the estate of Walter Price Griswold late of Killingworth, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that in May, 1770, she obtained liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as would raise the sum of £256 6 2¾, for payment of debts, and that she has sold real estate to the amount of £167 15 0, and the remaining debts amount to £93 17 5, and the remaining real estate consists of a dwelling-house and about half an acre of land, and the estate will be much hurt if no more is sold than will pay the remaining debts &c.; praying for liberty to sell the whole real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Hiell Buell of said Killingworth have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to sell the whole of the real estate of said deceas'd for payment of said debts; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein; and the monies arising on such sale deliver over to said administratrix for payment of said debts; and the residue of said monies after said debts are paid shall be divided among the heirs of said deceased, or their legal representatives, according to law.

Upon the memorial of Noah Baldwin and the rest of the selectmen of Milford, representing that George Morriss of said Milford by long illness of his wife was reduced and came to want, and mortgaged his house and about nine acres of land to Doct. Zebulon Gillett for the sum of eighteen pounds, lawful money, who hath sued out his mortgage, which cost was seven pounds, and took possession of said house &c., and the said Gillet has since made over said mortgage as security to David Atwater of New Haven, with a right of redemption &c., which was all the real estate said Morriss had; said Morriss and his wife and two small children have been under the care of the said selectmen, so that in providing for them they have expended the sum of sixty-five pounds, lawful money, and said Morriss having no moveable estate save a few household goods; praying for liberty to sell said house and land, first paying the sum for which the same was mortgaged, to pay said sum of £65 0 0, as per memorial on file appears; and said Atwater signifying under his hand his consent and desire that said memorial should be granted: [279] Resolved by this Assembly, that the ‖ memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell said house and lot, they first paying the sum for which the same was mortgaged, to pay the aforesaid sum of £65 0 0; and if said house and land shall sell for more than a sum sufficient to pay said sum due on the mortgage

and said £65 0 0, that such overplus be lodged in the town treasury in said Milford, to be improved for the support of said Morriss and children if needed.

On the memorial of Isaac Cook of Wallingford, collector of the Colony tax for the years 1763 and 1764, shewing to this Assembly that the rates of the several persons named in the following list, *viz:*

On the eight penny rate list, 1763.				*On the penny rate list*, 1764.			
John Collins,	£39	2*s.*	0*d.*	John Collins,	£9	8*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Smith,	37	16	0	Daniel Smith,	50	9	6
Daniel Smith,	66	0	0	Joseph Perkins,	51	0	0
John Smith,	34	4	0	Benjamin Hough,	13	0	0
Joseph Perkins,	59	0	0	Israel Negus,	21	0	0
Benja. Hough,	30	12	0				
Israel Negus,	24	0	0				

were charged against him, and that said persons departed this Colony before he could enforce the payment of said taxes and the same were not collected by him, and that the authority and selectmen postponed the abatement thereof &c.; praying for relief, as per his memorial on file appears: Resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the several sums arising on the above lists, respectively, be and hereby are abated; and the Treasurer of this Colony is directed to pay the amount of said rates to the memorialist accordingly.

On the memorial of Prudence Merriman of Wallingford, administratrix on the estate of Nathaniel Merriman jr. of said Wallingford, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that she had not effects in her hand sufficient to pay the debts of said deceas'd Nathaniel Merriman jun^{r}, did obtain liberty to sell so much of the lands of said deceas'd's estate as to pay the debts then due, supposing the said debts to be paid, but since she finds more debts due from said deceas'd's estate to the amount of £32 11 2, lawful money, and that she has nothing in her hands to pay the same; praying that she may have liberty to sell so much more of said estate as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £32 11 2, lawful money, as per her memorial on file appears: Resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the said Prudence Merriman, administratrix aforesaid, have liberty and authority to sell and dispose of so much of the lands belonging to the said Nathaniel Merriman jr. dec^{d}, as shall be sufficient for the payment of said sum of £32 11 2, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Peter Betts of Norwalk, shewing that he was collector of the Colony rates for several years, and that the whole abatements which have been allowed to him amount only to £131 12 5; that many persons in the rate bill were removed out of the Colony, some poor and insolvent, and that it is impossible to collect said rates; that for the deficiencies the selectmen of said Norwalk made sale of his estate; praying for a committee &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jonathan Sturges and Charles Webb and Philip Burr Bradley, Esq[rs], be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the matters alledged in said memorial, and their report make to this or the next Assembly; all at the cost of the memorialist.

Upon the memorial of Susannah Stilman, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Stilman late of Saybrook, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal inventoried estate the sum of £114 1 1¼, L. money; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate belonging to said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £114 1 1¼ together with the incident charges of sale &c.; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Guilford therein.

[280] Upon the memorial of William Jordon of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that he being very poor, about six years ago married a wife possess'd of a real estate of the value of about seventy pounds; that about one year before her death she was taken sick and continued sick until she died; in the course of her sickness he necessarily expended for doctors &c. for her to the amount of about thirty pounds, and that his said wife a few days before her death made a will in which [she] gave to said William so much of her real estate as to defray the charges of her sickness; praying for liberty to sell so much thereof as to answer the purpose aforesaid with cost &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said William have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of his said deceas'd wife as to raise the sum of twenty-eight pounds four shillings and six pence, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon, as also the cost of bringing forward and prosecuting said memorial, and to give his deed of the same, which deed when legally executed shall be a good and legal title to the purchaser.

Upon the memorial of James Bowdoin, administrator on the estate of William Bowdoin late of Roxbury in the county of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusets Bay, Esq^{r}, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts of the said deceas'd William, as exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the said county of Suffolk, surmount the inventoried personal estate of said William the sum of £4489 18 2, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell the whole real estate of said William in this Colony, or so much thereof as shall raise said sum of £4489 18 2, lawful money, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell the whole real estate of said William in this Colony, or so much thereof as shall raise said sum of £4489 18 2, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Ebenezer Norton of Goshen be appointed, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell the messuage in said Goshen lately conveyed by deed of Samuel Pettibone to the Governor and Company, and to make and execute by deed to the purchaser a good and sufficient conveyance thereof, in behalf of the Governor and Company, and thereupon to lodge the avails or securities therefor with the Colony Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and to account or make return to the General Assembly. Provided, nevertheless, that the said Pettibone, notwithstanding such sale, have liberty to reside in said house till the first day of October next, and that the contract upon such sale be so made that the purchaser shall enter into the premises at the time aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Ledyard and William Ledyard, executors of the last will and testament of John Ledyard, Esq^{r}, deceas'd, shewing that the said John in his life time received of the Treasurer of this Colony the sum of £1827 16 1, to purchase bills of exchange for the use of this Colony; that he did procure the same accordingly at New York, and that the account of that negotiation has never been adjusted; praying for a committee &c.; whereupon a committee was appointed and have now reported thereon, that there is due from said deceas'd's estate to this Colony on the account aforesaid the sum of £21 19 7½, lawful money, and no more, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the memorialists paying the said sum of £21 19 7½, lawful money, unto the Treasurer of this

Colony that they be and they are wholly exonerate and discharged from any further demands for or on account of the monies so received by the said deceas'd as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Susannah Sheafe, administratrix on the goods and estate of William Sheafe, late of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusets Bay, Esq^{r}, deceas'd, intestate, shewing to this Assembly that the debts of the said William surmount the inventoried personal estate of said William the sum of £130 16 2½, lawful money, as exhibited and allowed by the court of probate for the said county of Suffolk; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said William in this Colony as shall raise said sum of £130 16 2½, lawful money, &c., as per [281] memorial on file: || Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said William in this Colony as shall raise the sum of £130 16 2½, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomfret therein.

The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate of the several Towns in this Colony for the Year 1773, as returned to this Assembly, viz.:

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Hartford,	47136	4	0	Preston,	25112	10	11
Suffield,	19046	0	0	Fairfield,	50400	11	5
Stafford,	10412	10	0	Norwalk,	41358	5	4
Glastonbury,	18511	13	7	New Fairfield,	12273	3	6
Hebron,	23600	0	0	Stanford,	33700	3	0
East Hadam,	26236	18	0	Ridgefield,	17491	8	6
Colchester,	33610	18	0	Stratford,	51550	0	0
Bolton,	10336	18	0	Greenwich,	23846	7	8
Enfield,	12361	10	0	Reading,	13990	8	10
Somers,	9038	14	0	Danbury,	28049	18	9
Willington,	8600	19	1	Newtown,	23266	1	2
Weathersfield,	32674	0	3	Windham,	30942	6	4
Haddam,	15610	0	4	Mansfield,	21444	5	3
Symsbury,	30312	0	0	Pomfret,	27711	12	4
Chatham,	22072	5	0	Woodstock,	20800	0	0
Farmington,	64443	10	10	Ashford,	17127	14	9
East Windsor,	27000	0	0	Coventry,	20440	0	0
Windsor,	23561	8	5	Voluntown,	13717	12	0
Midletown,	41565	9	0	Plainfield,	14000	0	0
Tolland,	14013	12	0	Killingley,	27207	12	4
New Haven,	71083	15	5	Lebanon,	40670	12	8
Milford,	28537	9	2	Canterbury,	20060	10	7

Derby,	19243	1	7	Litchfield,	22795	17	6
Waterbury,	36146	7	5	Torrington,	5681	10	0
Wallingford,	50311	10	5	Canaan,	15212	3	0
Durham,	12001	14	8	Kent,	16110	0	0
Guilford,	36257	7	5	New Hartford,	8821	4	6
Branford,	23472	8	1	New Milford,	28000	0	3
New London,	35528	17	6	Cornwall,	8869	14	6
Norwich,	65570	12	5	Woodbury,	56495	14	10
Lyme,	28570	16	2	Salisbury,	16713	5	6
Saybrook,	26304	8	0	Goshen,	10991	12	0
Killingworth,	20047	17	4	Sharon,	16484	7	0
Groton,	25580	4	3	Harwington,	8023	18	0
Stonington,	37645	16	10				

[282] An Act for constituting, regulating and governing a Publick Goal or Work-House in the Copper Mines in Symsbury, and for the Punishment of certain atrocious Crimes and Felonies.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the subterraneous caverns and buildings in the copper mines in Symsbury, lately purchased and erected by order of the General Assembly, with such other buildings as may hereafter be erected and made in said caverns or on the surface of the earth at or near the mouth of the same, shall be and they are hereby constituted and made a publick goal and work-house for the use of this Colony, and shall be called and named New-Gate Prison, and shall be kept and maintained in good and sufficient repair at the expence of this Colony; that there shall be a master or keeper and three overseers of said goal or work-house, nominated and appointed from time to time, as there may be occasion, by the General Assembly; and in case said master or keeper shall die, resign, or become unable, by sickness or otherwise, to exercise said office, the overseers for the time being may appoint another master thereof, who shall hold and exercise said office until the next session of said Assembly; that the master or keeper of said goal shall receive into the same all such persons as shall be sent there by warrant from lawful authority by virtue of this act, and shall keep them to such labour as they shall be capable of, for such time as they shall be sentenced and ordered to remain therein, and may punish them by putting fetters and shackles upon them, and by moderate whipping, not exceeding ten stripes for any one offence; which punishment may be inflicted in case they be stubborn, disorderly or idle, and do not well and faithfully perform their task as they shall be reasonable stinted and required, or in case they shall not submit to and observe such

rules and orders as shall be from time to time made and established for the well ordering and governing the same. And said master or keeper shall from time to time on request of the overseers render his account to them of the wages and earnings of such prisoners, or of any persons hired or employed to work in said mines, and pay and deliver to said overseers the amount of said wages and earnings.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the overseers of said goal or work-house for the time being shall provide for such prisoners necessary and suitable food and cloathing, and also such tools, implements and materials as shall be proper for employing and keeping such prisoners to work; and shall also provide for the relief of any sick or weak prisoner; and if need be may procure and hire one or more skilfull miner or miners to instruct and assist said prisoners in their work, and shall be paid for the same out of the wages and earnings of said prisoners and hired men, if the same be sufficient, and if not the surplus shall be paid out of the Colony treasury. And the said overseers shall keep true and exact accounts of the food and cloathing, tools, implements and materials they shall furnish for the use of said prisoners, and of the wages of the hired men aforesaid, and of all expences for such sick or weak prisoners, and also of the wages and earnings of such prisoners and hired men; and shall annually in May adjust and settle said accounts with such auditors as said Assembly shall appoint, and oftner if they shall be thereto required. And said overseers for the time being shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to make necessary rules and orders from time to time, as they shall find expedient, for ruling, governing and punishing such persons as are committed there; and such rules and orders shall be of force and shall be duly executed and performed.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such overseers and the master of said goal and workhouse for their care, labour and service, shall be allowed such reasonable satisfaction and reward as said Assembly shall appoint, to be paid out of the earnings of such prisoners and hired men, if sufficient, otherwise out of the Colony treasury. And if the master or any overseer or overseers for the time being of said goal shall neglect or refuse to account as aforesaid, [283] or shall be ‖ otherwise negligent in his or their duty, he or they shall be liable to such fine or punishment as the General Assembly shall order.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whosoever shall commit burglary by breaking up any dwelling-

house or shop, wherein goods, wares and merchandise are kept; or shall rob any person in the field or highway; or shall presume to forge, counterfeit or alter any of the bills of credit of this Colony, or of the bills of credit of any other of the English Colonies or Provinces on this Continent; or shall utter and put off any such forged, altered or counterfeit bill or bills, knowing them to be such; or that shall counsel, advise, procure or anyways assist in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, stamping, altering or signing of any false, forged and counterfeit bill or bills, knowing them to be such; or that shall engrave any plate, or make any instrument to be used for any of the purposes aforesaid; or that shall stamp or any otherways counterfeit any of the several sorts of coin mentioned in an act of Parliament made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of Queen Anne, entituled An act for ascertaining the rates of foreign coins in her Majesty's Plantations in America, or any other species or sorts of gold or silver coins currently passing in this Colony; or that shall utter and put off any such counterfeit coin or coins, knowing the same to be base, false and counterfeit; or that shall make any instrument or instruments for the counterfeiting any of the coins aforesaid, or shall be aiding or assisting therein; or that shall be guilty of feloniously taking and stealing any horse or horses in this Colony, and shall be convicted of any or either of said crimes, before any county or superior court that shall have cognizance thereof, such person or persons so offending shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment in said goal and work-house, and there be kept to hard labour for a term not exceeding ten years, at the discretion of the court before which such conviction shall be had. And if any such person shall commit the like offence a second time and be thereof convicted as aforesaid, he or she shall suffer imprisonment in said goal and work-house, and there be kept to hard labour as aforesaid for and during the term of his or her natural life.

Be it further enacted, That any person or persons who have been heretofore convicted of any of the aforesaid crimes, except that of horse-stealing, and have not received the punishment or confinement to which he or they have been on such conviction sentenced, by having escaped or otherwise avoided the same without licence of the court or this Assembly, on being or taken in this Colony shall be by the superior court sentenced and sent to said prison, in the same manner and under the same regulations as persons who shall be hereafter convicted by virtue of this act, there to remain for such term as said court shall order and direct.

Provided nevertheless, That any person convicted of a second offence of horse-stealing may be sentenced to said prison for a shorter term than that of his natural life, according to the direction of the court before whom such conviction is had; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons who shall be guilty and convicted of any of the aforesaid crimes shall be punished as in this act is provided and not otherwise; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this act shall exempt, or be construed to exempt, or discharge any person or persons sentenced by this act from any pecuniary penalty, forfeiture or disabilities, which such offender or offenders are heretofore made liable to by any of the laws of this Colony.

An Act for suppressing of Mountebanks.

Whereas the practice of mountebanks in dealing out and administering physick and medicine of unknown composition indiscriminately to any persons whom they can by fair words induce to purchase and receive them without duly consulting, or opportunity of duly consulting, and considering the nature and symptoms of the disorder for which, and the constitution and circumstances of the patient or receiver to whom they administer, has a tendency to injure and destroy the health, constitution and lives of those who receive and use such medicines: And whereas the practice of mountebanks in publickly [284] advertising and giving notice of || their skill and ability to cure diseases, and the erecting publick stages and places from whence to declaim to and harrangue the people on the virtue and efficacy of their medicines, or to exhibit by themselves or their dependants any plays, tricks, juggling or unprofitable feats of uncommon dexterity and agility of body, tends to draw together great numbers of people, to the corruption of manners, promoting of idleness, and the detriment of good order and religion, as well as to tempt and ensnare them to purchase such unwholesome and oftentimes dangerous drugs:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no mountebank, or person whatsoever under him, shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited on any publick stage or place whatsoever within this Colony, any games, tricks, plays, jugling or feats of uncommon dexterity and agility of body, tending to no good and useful purposes, but tending to collect

together numbers of spectators, and gratify vain or useless curiosity. Nor shall any mountebank, or person whatsoever under him, at or on any such stage or place offer, vend or otherwise dispose of, or invite any persons so collected to purchase or receive any physick, drugs or medicines, commended to be efficacious and useful in various disorders.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall be guilty of any breach of this act, on conviction thereof before any court proper to try the same, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds for each and every such offence, for the use of him who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect; and so *toties quoties.*

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of all informing officers to make presentment of all breaches of this act; in which case the fine shall belong to the treasury of the county wherein such conviction is had.

And it is further provided, That if any servant, or any minor or apprentice under age, shall be guilty of breaking any paragraph of this act, on conviction thereof his or their fine or penalty shall be paid by the parent, master or guardian under whose direction the same shall be committed or done, and execution shall be awarded accordingly.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act for preventing and suppressing of Lotteries.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person shall, after the rising of this Assembly, presume to vend, sell, or offer for sale, within this Colony, any ticket or tickets in any lottery or lotteries that are already or may hereafter be set up, except such as are or may be authorized and approved by the General Assembly of this Colony. And whoever shall presume to vend, sell or offer for sale, any ticket or tickets in any lottery or lotteries not authorized and approved of by this Assembly, and shall be thereof duly convicted, shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings for every ticket sold or offered for sale: the one-half thereof to him or them that shall prosecute the same to effect, and the other half to the treasury of the town where the offence shall be committed. And all informing officers are directed to make presentment of the breaches of this act.

An Act appointing a Brand for Horses in the Town of Cornwall.

It is ordered and enacted by this Assembly, That the brand for horses in the town of Cornwall shall be the letter or figure following, *viz:* C.

[285] This Assembly do appoint Majr Erastus Wolcott, Josiah Bissell and Jonathan Humphry, Esqrs, Overseers of Newgate Prison for the year ensuing, and Capt. John Viets to be Master or Keeper of said prison for the year ensuing.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony pay out of the publick treasury to Messrs. William Pitkin, Erastus Wolcott and Jonathan Humphry, the sum of one hundred eleven pounds one shilling and six pence, lawful money, which is in full of their account exhibited for preparing the copper mines at Symsbury for a proper prison &c.; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

On the petition of John Hunt junr, Jonathan Blacklee, Barnabas Hough, of Woodbury in the county of Litchfield, and John Murrin, Samuel Summers, Jedidiah Wheeler, Pilman Benedict, Jesse Smith, David Hitchcock, Jonathan Hitchcock, Cornelius Bristol, Eli Roberds, David Canfield, James Pardee and John Cannon, of New Milford in the county aforesaid, *vs.* Shadrack Hubbel and Ralph Keeler, of New Milford aforesaid, and Joseph Smith junr and Samuel Camp, of Newtown in Fairfield county, dated April 23d, 1772, as on file, by sundry continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £5 3 8. *Execution granted November 5th*, 1773.

On the petition of Elisha Whittlesey, a principal inhabitant of the first society in Wallingford, and the rest of the inhabitants of said society, *vs.* Stephen Hall, one of the principal inhabitants and members of the society of Wells in said town, and the rest of the society of Wells in said town of Wallingford, dated September 28th, 1772, as on file, by sundry continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of John Hoy, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, *vs.* William McCracken, of New Haven aforesaid, dated October 2d, 1771, as on file, and on the report of a committee appointed to enquire &c., lying before this Assembly: The question was put, whether said report should be accepted &c., and resolved by this Assembly in the negative. *Cost allowed respondent is* £7 11 8. *Ex. granted Nov. 5th*, 1773.

Cost allowed Samuel Stewart, Esq^{r}, of Voluntown in the county of Windham, for attendance &c. to answer a certain petition preferred against him by Ezekiel Pierce, of Plainfield in the county aforesaid, and now withdrawn by Jesse Root, Esq^{r}, attorney to the petitioner, is £9 18 4. *Ex. granted December 23d*, 1773.

Cost allowed Masham Abishai Folger, of Nantucket in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, and others, respondents named in the citation annexed to a certain petition preferred by Eliphalet Bulkley and John Bulkley 2d, both of Colchester in the county of Hartford, dated September 20th, 1773, as on file, and now withdrawn by Joseph Trumbull, Esq^{r}, attorney to the petitioners, is £2 1 6. *Ex. granted Nov. 5th*, 1773.

Cost allowed John Thomas, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, for attendance &c. to answer a certain petition preferred against him by Daniel Pratt and Ephraim Bidwell, both of Glastonbury in the county of Hartford, dated March 27th, 1773, as on file and now withdrawn by the petitioners, is £3 1 0, L. money. *Ex. granted Jan. 31st*, 1774.

Cost allowed to Abraham Harriss, of Weathersfield in the county of Hartford, for attendance &c. to answer a certain petition preferred against him by Joseph Roulandson, of Weathersfield in said county, a minor under the age of 21 years, who petitions by his guardian Zebedee Beckley of said Weathersfield, and Hannah Roulandson, of said Weathersfield, a minor, who also petitions by her guardian Caleb Galpin, of Great Barrington in the county of Berkshire and Province of the Massachusets Bay, dated May 5th, 1773, as on file, and now withdrawn by the petitioners, is £3 2 2, L. money. *Ex. granted Jan. 31st*, 1774. *Alias ex. granted Sept. 19th*, 1774.

[286] This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Hon^{ble} Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be desired, and he is hereby desired, to order the present Assembly to be adjourned to the second Wednesday of January next, to meet at the court house in Hartford on said Wednesday for the purpose of finishing the business now lying before this Assembly.

This Assembly by order of his Honor the Governor was

adjourned by proclamation to the second Wednesday of January next, to meet at the court house in Hartford on said day.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'ry.

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[40] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL CONVENED AT NEW HAVEN OCTOBER 18TH, 1773.

Present: Hon^ble^ Jon^th^ Trumbull, Esq^r^, *Gov^r^*.
Honorable Matth^w^ Griswold, *Deputy Gov^r^*.
Jabez Hamlin, Shubael Conant, Elisha Shelden, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, Wm. Sam^ll^ Johnson, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott and James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^rs^, *Assistants*.

The selectmen of several towns in this Colony and private persons exhibited their accounts for supporting and doctoring persons who by law are to be supported by this Colony, and other necessary charges and expences, which were examined and allowed, *viz:*

The selectmen of New Haven, for supporting sundry poor transient persons £27 7 1. *Order given 29th of Octob^r^ 1773.*

The Selectmen of Symsbury, for supporting John King £11 18 6. *Order given Oct^r^ 28th 1773.*

The selectmen of Willington, for supporting Ann Sawyer £1 5 0. *Order given October 29th 1773.*

The selectmen of Newtown, for supporting William Miller and wife £1 8 2½. *Order given October 29th 1773.*

The selectmen of Branford, for supporting and doctoring Mary West £3 18 0. *Order given October 29th 1773.*

The selectmen of Milford, for supporting Patrick McLean £0 14 0. *Order given Oct^r^ 14 1773.*

The selectmen of Woodstock, for supporting an Indian £0 12 0. *Order given Oct^r^ 29th 1773.*

[41] The selectmen of Norwalk, for supporting Wm. Shoot £7 5 0. *Order given October 1773.*

Doct^r^ Aaron Andrews, Wallingford, for doctoring Moses Rayment £5 17 10. *Order given Octo^r^ 28, 1773.*

Doct^r^ Thaddeus Betts, for doctoring William Shoot £0 9 0. *Order given Oct^r^ 29th 1773.*

The selectmen of Wallingford, for supporting and doctoring Moses Rayment £21 9 5. *Order given Octo^r^ 28th 1773.*

The selectmen of Sharon, for supporting Peter Gimbleton £8 9 3 *Order given October 28th 1773.*

The selectmen of Pomfrit, for supporting John Bowdish Green £20 7 6½. *Order given 20th Oct^r^ 1773.*

The selectmen of Stonington, for supporting Daniel Cullener £8 13 5. *Order given Oct^r^ 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Pomfrit, for supporting Wm. Stephen Keys £8 17 6. *Order given October 20th 1773.*

The selectmen of Plainfield, for supporting Mary Allyn £6 19 4. *Order given October 29th 1773.*

The selectmen of Danbury, for supporting Benj[a] Thomas £10 12 7. *Order given Oct[r] 29th 1773.*

Doct[r] Lewis, Wallingford, for doctoring Moses Rayment £4 4 0. *Order given Oct[r] 28th 1773.*

Doct[r] Jared Potter of Branford, for doctoring Christ[r] Pate £0 16 0. *Order given Oct[r] 29th 1773.*

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[289] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quarto.*

At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, holden at Hartford in said Colony, by adjournment, on the second Wednesday of January, being the twelfth day of said month, and continued by several adjournments to the twenty ninth day of the same month, annoque Domini 1774,

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r], *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq[r], *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r],	Roger Sherman, Esq[r],	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq[r],	Abraham Davenport, Esq[r],	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq[r],	Wm. Samuel Johnson, Esq[r],	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq[r],	Joseph Spencer, Esq[r],	
Jabez Huntington, Esq[r],	Oliver Wolcott, Esq[r],	
William Pitkin, Esq[r],	Ja's. Abr'm. Hillhouse, Esq[r],	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.

Capt. Jabez Brainerd, Capt. John Brooks, for Haddam.

Capt. Hez[h] Humphry, Capt. Jonath. Pettibone, for Symsbury.

Mr. William Wolcott, Maj[r] Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.

Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.

Mr. Zerah Kibbee, for Somers.

[290] Mr. Elijah Fenton, for Willington.

Mr. Alexander King, for Suffield.

Capt. Thomas Belding, Mr. Silas Dean, for Weathersfield.

Mr. Josiah Converse, Mr. Joshua Fuller, for Stafford.

Mr. Peter Reynolds, Mr. Nathaniel Terry, for Enfield.

Colo. John Strong, Colo. Isaac Lee, for Farmington.

Mr. William Wells, Capt. Jonathan Wells, for Glastonbury.

Capt. Joel White, Capt. Thomas Pitkin, for Bolton.

Capt. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Sch[a] Griggs, for Tolland.
Capt. Josiah Bissell, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Windsor.
Mr. Ebenezer White, Capt. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
Maj[r] Henry Champion, Mr. Daniel Foot, for Colchester.
Mr. Richard Alsop, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Capt. Daniel Ingham, Capt. Obadiah Horsford, for Hebron.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, for New Haven.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Maj[r] James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Mr. Edward Russell, Mr. James Barker, for Branford.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. Joseph Hull, for Derby.
Mr. Samuel Brown, Capt. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Jonath. Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Capt. Macock Ward, Capt. Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Capt. John Fowler, Maj[r] David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Isaac Tracy, for Norwich.
Maj[r] Samuel H. Parsons, Mr. William Noyes, for Lyme.
Maj[r] Charles Phelps, Capt. Daniel Fish, for Stonington.
Capt. John Pierson. for Killingsworth.
Capt. Roger Sterry, Capt. John Tyler, for Preston.
Mr. Stephen Chalker, Capt. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Capt. William Morgan, Mr. Thomas Mumford, for Groton.
Ebenezer Silliman, Esq[r], for Fairfield.
Mr. James Rogers, for Reading.
Colo. Philip B. Bradley, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Benjamin Weed, for Stamford.
Mr. Alex[r] Stewart, Mr. Alex[r] Fairchild, for New Fairfield.
Capt. Joseph Platt Cook, for Danbury.
Mr. Thomas Belden, for Norwalk.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Mr. Abner Judson, for Stratford.
Capt. Henry Glover, Mr. Peter Nichols, for Newtown.
Capt. John Mead, for Greenwich.
Capt. Jabez Huntington, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Beriah Southworth, for Lebanon.
[291] Capt. Isaac Gallop, Mr. Samuel Gordon, for Voluntown.
Mr. Samuel Craft, Mr. David Williams, for Pomfret.
Capt. John Douglas, for Plainfield.
Mr. Phineas Strong, Capt. Ebenez[r] Kingsbury, for Coventry.
Colo. Jabez Fitch, Mr. Solomon Payne, for Canterbury.
Mr. Jedediah Morse, for Woodstock.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Mr. Edmund Freeman, for Mansfield.
Mr. Amos Badcock, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Mr Lusher Gay, Mr. Benjamin Leavins, for Killingley.

Mr. Jedediah Strong. Capt. David Welch, for Litchfield.
Mr. Heman Swift, Mr. Thomas Russell, for Cornwall.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Majr Charles Burrill, for Canaan.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Mr. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Mr. Joshua Porter, Capt. James Landon, for Salisbury.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel, Capt. Justus Sacket, for Kent.
Mr. James Pardee, for Sharon.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Capt. Sherman Boardman, Capt. Samuel Canfield, for New Milford.
Mr. Asaph Hall, for Goshen.
Mr. John Cook, Mr. Epaphras Sheldon, for Torrington.
Ebenezer Silliman, Esqr, Speaker } of the House of
William Williams, Esqr, Clerk } Representatives.

An Act in Explanation or Addition of an Act entituled An Act in Addition to and Alteration of one Act of this Colony entituled An Act for directing and regulating the Levying and Serving Executions.

Whereas it is provided in said act last made, that whensoever any execution shall be levied on lands the same shall be apprized by three indifferent freeholders of the same town where such lands lie &c.: And whereas doubts and disputes have arisen and may arise, whether any execution when the same is in favour of the town where such lands lie can be proceeded with agreeable to the directions of said act: Which for the future to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when execution in favour of any town shall be levied on any lands, three freeholders of such town where such lands lie shall not be deemed indifferent freeholders for the purpose aforesaid, but in such case the apprizers shall be inhabitants and freeholders of the next adjoining town.

[292] An Act providing for the Payment of the Cost of prosecuting Delinquents.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the cost of prosecuting delinquents on indictment or information made by the King's officers, when such delinquents have no estate to pay the same, shall be paid out of the treasury into which the fines, forfeitures or penalties adjudged against such delinquents on conviction are by law to be paid and belong; and the cost already incurred on such convictions shall in like manner be paid out of such treasury into which the fines or forfeitures are by law to be paid, as is before in this act provided for the payment of cost which may hereafter arise.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act entituled An Act for raising a certain Sum to be appropriated to the Erecting and Maintaining a Light-House near the Port of New London, and for laying a Tax on Shipping for the Support thereof.

Whereas by said act it is enacted, that all vessels entering and clearing out for any port or place more remote than Philadelphia in Pensylvania, and Portsmouth in New Hampshire, above twenty tons and not more than fifty tons the sum of four shillings and six pence, lawful money, and for each vessel above fifty tons and not more than one hundred tons the sum of six shillings, and so in proportion as they shall be larger: And as the tax aforesaid is found insufficient for the support and maintenance of the light-house,

Be it further enacted, That from the first day of March next, each vessel in burthen twenty tons and not more than fifty tons shall pay the sum of six shillings, lawful money, and each vessel above fifty tons and not more than seventy tons the sum of seven shillings and six pence, and each vessel above seventy tons and not more than ninety tons the sum of nine shillings, and each vessel more than ninety tons and not more than one hundred tons ten shillings and six pence; and so in proportion as they shall be larger.

And be it further enacted, That all vessels not belonging to this Colony which shall enter and clear at the said port shall be subjected to a tax double what is hereby laid on the navigation of this Colony; and all vessels that shall harbour and anchor in the port of New London shall be subjected to pay, towards the support of the light house, at the same rate as the vessels belonging to this Colony pay when they clear out; which tax becoming due as aforesaid shall from time to time be paid to and collected by the naval officers of the ports where any such vessel shall be cleared out, deducting for their fees as they are allowed for collecting other duties. And the naval officer of the port of New Haven is hereby directed to forward the tax he shall collect, quarterly, to the naval officer of the port of New London, for the convenience and speedy accommodation of the light house; which is to be by him appropriated to the use aforesaid; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act entituled An Act for ordering, restraining and preserving Sheep.

[293] Whereas it is practised in some of the towns in this Colony by some particular inhabitants to turn large flocks of sheep on the highways with a keeper, and thereby eat up and destroy the herbage therein, to the great detriment of the poor inhabitants of such towns: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

That no particular person in any town in this Colony shall for the future turn any flock of sheep on the highways, with a keeper, of more than fifty, to eat up and consume the herbage therein, without liberty first had and obtained from such town or the proprietors thereof; on pain that every offender shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings for every such offence, to him or them who will sue for and prosecute the same to effect.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Hon^ble^ Mathew Griswold, Esq^r^, Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Sam^l^ Johnson, Samuel Holden Parsons, Silas Dean, William Williams and Jedediah Strong, Esq^rs^, be and they are hereby appointed and impowered, to assist his Honor Governor Trumbull in collecting and preparing all exhibits and documents necessary to pursue and prosecute the claim and title of this Colony to the lands lying within the boundaries of the grant and charter of the Colony west of Delaware River, at the Court of Great Britain, and to make a proper state of said cause to be transmitted to Great Britain for that purpose; and to report to this Assembly from time to time of their proceedings therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired, from time to time, to transmit to the Agent for this Colony all such papers, documents, intelligence and preparations, as his Honor and the committee appointed by this Assembly to assist him therein shall be able to collect and furnish, relative to the lands claimed by this Colony westward of the river Delaware, and to give the said Agent such instructions and directions for his conduct concerning the same and the management of any cause or causes that shall or may be instituted in Great Britain touching the said lands, or any part of them, as his Honor and the said committee shall from time to time agree upon, and as the exigency of the controversy concerning said lands shall or may require.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony at their sessions at Hartford in May, 1771, did resolve and declare, that the lands west of the river Delaware and in the latitude of that part of this Colony eastward of the Province of New York are well contained within the boundaries and description of the charter of King Charles the second to this Colony: And whereas a large number of people are settled on part of those lands, at or near a place called Wyoming, under the claim of this Colony, and have made their humble application to this Assembly to take them under the protection and

government of this Colony: And whereas many persons of suspicious and bad characters, to escape from justice and to carry on their villanous designs with impunity, do resort to said place to the great disquiet of the well-disposed people settled there, whereby publick justice may be evaded and iniquity encouraged: For remedy thereof,

Be it enacted be the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the inhabitants dwelling within the bounds of this Colony on the west side of the river Delaware be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct town, with like powers and privileges as other towns in this Colony by law have, within the following bounds and limits, *viz:* Bounded east by said Delaware River, north by the north line of this Colony, west by a north and south line across the Colony at fifteen miles distance west from a place in Susquehannah River called Wyoming, and south by the south line of this [294] Colony; which town is hereby annexed to the county of || Litchfield, and shall be called by the name of Westmoreland.

Provided nevertheless, That no person dwelling in any other town in this Colony shall be liable to be sued before any justice of the peace in said town of Westmoreland, nor shall any person inhabiting within said town of Westmoreland be sued or called from thence, to answer in any civil action before a justice of the peace in any other town; nor shall the sheriff of the county of Litchfield, or any of his deputies dwelling in any other town in this Colony, be compelled to receive any writs to be served in said town of Westmoreland in any civil action.

Resolved, That the committee appointed by this Assembly to assist his Honor Governor Trumbull in preparing the necessary exhibits and evidences to support the claim of the Colony to the western lands be, and they are hereby, authorized to engage, procure and employ, suitable persons to ascertain the latitudes and longitudes of the north and south lines of the Colony, at such places as they shall find necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid.

Whereas this Assembly have resolved that they will assert their claim, and in some proper way support such claim, to those lands contained within the limits and boundaries of the charter of this Colony which are westward of the Province of New York,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby

authorized and desired to issue a proclamation forbidding any person or persons whatsoever taking up, entering on, or settling any of the lands contained and included in the charter of this Colony lying westward of the Province of New York, without liberty first had and obtained from the General Assembly of this Colony.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{rs}, and Mr. Thomas Howell, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, upon application to them made, to take into consideration the claims and settlements lately made by divers persons on the lands situate on or near the waters of the Susquehannah River within the limits and boundaries of the charter to this Colony, and to endeavour to adjust and settle with such claimants and settlers what and how much of their respective claims they shall hold and be quieted in under the title of this Colony, and on what terms; and their report thereof to make to the General Assembly of this Colony in May next; and that those people who have been settled within the limits of this Colony on the west side of Delaware River for more than fifteen years last past be quieted in their respective settlements.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Thomas Life, Esq^{r}, Agent for this Colony, be and he is hereby fully authorized and impowered to appear, plead, pursue, answer and defend in behalf of this Colony, in all courts and in all causes, matters and things, as he shall be advised relative to the title and claim of this Colony to the lands within the bounds and limits of our charter from his late Majesty, King Charles the second, pursuant to such instructions and directions as he shall from time to time receive from his Honor the Governor; and that a proper power be made out under the seal of this Colony, to be signed by the Governor and transmitted to him for that purpose.

[295] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That Mr. Thomas Life's salary, as Agent for this Colony, for the future shall be one hundred pounds sterling *per annum*.

This Assembly grants to Thomas Life, Esq^{r}, one hundred pounds sterling, for two years salary due to him as Agent for this Colony; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the same to him accordingly.

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*Governor Trumbull accordingly issued a proclamation, dated January 27, 1774. Governor Penn, Feb. 28th, 1774, issued a proclamation forbidding any of the inhabitants of that Province to pay obedience or regard to orders given by any person presuming to act within the limits thereof by virtue of powers or instructions from the government of Connecticut, *etc.* *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, x, 153.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Zebulon Butler and Mr. Nathan Denison Justices of the Peace for the county of Litchfield until the first day of June next, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Zebulon Butler, Esq^r^, justice of the peace for the county of Litchfield, do and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant as soon as may be, to notify the inhabitants of the town of Westmoreland in said county to meet, at such time and place as he shall appoint within said town, to choose town officers and to do any other business proper to be done at such meeting.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed and ordered to pay unto Eliphalet Dyer, William Samuel Johnson and Jedediah Strong, Esq^rs^, the sum of one hundred seventy-one pounds nineteen shillings and eleven pence, lawful money, for their expence and services in their journey to Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Colony be and he is hereby directed, at the expence of the Colony, to collect, revise and file such papers and exhibits as are or may be of use and particular service towards the compleating of a History, principally of this Colony, which is now and for some years past has been preparing by the Rev^d^ Mr. Trumbull of New Haven; and that said Mr. Trumbull be permitted to receive and to take into his safe custody such and so many of those papers as he shall apprehend necessary for the aforesaid purpose: the same again to return into the office from whence taken within six months after his reception thereof.

Resolved, That the superior court which stands adjourned to the last Tuesday in January instant in and for the county of Litchfield be and the same is hereby adjourned to the first Tuesday in February next, then to be held at Litchfield in and for said county of Litchfield; and all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice thereof accordingly.

Upon the representation of the overseers of Newgate Prison: It is resolved by this Assembly, that said overseers be and they are hereby directed and impowered to cause the east shaft of said prison* to be effectually secured with stone or iron, at their discretion, and to cause a log-house to be built and to consist of two or three rooms, one of which to be directly over the west shaft of said prison; taking care to preserve a free communication of air.

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* One John Hinson, a prisoner, had escaped through this shaft by aid from the outside. *Crimes & Misdemeanors*, VI, 352.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Nathan Bulkley of Fairfield to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Fairfield until the first day of June next.

[296] This Assembly do appoint Major William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieutenant-Colo. David Burr, deceas'd.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Gold Selleck Silliman, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Major William Sam^{l} Johnson, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Joel Northrup to be Captain of the tenth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Titus Smith to be Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Barnabas Baldwin jun^{r} to be Ensign of the tenth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Baldwin to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Treat to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Woodruff to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Hibbard to be Lieutenant of the nineteenth company or trainband in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Birge to be Ensign of the nineteenth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Warner to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Bingham to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish John Gallop to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Waterman Clift to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

Upon the petition of Elijah Clapp, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that about the 1st day of December, 1763, he was indebted to Joshua Chandler, Esq^{r}, for money borrowed, the sum of £150 0 0, lawful money; that for the security of the payment of said sum with the interest he mortgaged to said Chandler his, the petitioner's, homestead in said Hartford, containing about ten acres, with a dwelling-house and barn standing on the same, being of much greater value than said money borrowed; [297] that he is ‖ willing to pay the principal and interest for which said land was mortgaged; praying that said Chandler upon the petitioner's paying and satisfying said sum of £150 0 0, with the interest, may release said lands and buildings: to which petition the petitionee made no objection but likewise prays the same may be granted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that upon the petitioner's paying said sum of £150 0 0, lawful money, with interest and costs of ejectment arisen on the suit now depending, that the said Chandler release and reconvey all his right and title in and to said mortgaged premises to the petitioner; and that the petitioner pay said sum with interest and costs as aforesaid in the space of six months from the rising of this Assembly, and that on failure thereof he be, and he is hereby, barred and foreclosed of his right or equity of redemption in and unto said mortgaged premises and all his right and title thereto either in law or equity.

Upon the petition of Jonathan Metcalf &c., *vs.* Zebulon Babcock &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of said petition be referred to the General Assembly in May next, and that all proceedings and suits in any of the courts of law depending in consequence of the judgment complained of and proceedings thereon be stayed in the mean time.

Upon the petition of Ebenezer Grant, shewing that Abiel Abbott of East Windsor was indebted to him in a large sum &c.; that he had attach'd a tract of land which the said Abiel had conveyed by deed to Chester Wells of Weathersfield in security of an execution in his hands which the said Chester had sold for that purpose and fully paid himself for said execution, and that there remained a surplus in his hands &c.; whereupon a committee hath been appointed to examine &c., who have now reported that there remains in the hands of the said Chester the sum of £14 5 2, lawful money, which the petitioner ought to have &c.; which said report is now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this

Assembly, that the said Chester Wells shall pay to the said Ebenezer Grant the sum of £14 5 2, lawful money, and that the Secretary do and shall issue execution for the same accordingly. *Execution granted Jan'y 9th*, 1788.

Upon the Petition of Elisha Baker, Esq^{r}, representing that he is unable to pay all his just debts; praying for a special act of insolvency &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be referred to the consideration of this Assembly at their sessions in May next; and the person and estate of the said Baker be and the same is hereby protected and freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty now due and oweing from the said Baker to any of his creditors who are parties to said petition, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Sarah Wolcott of Branford, against Jeremiah Wolcott of said Branford, preferred to the General Assembly at their sessions in May, 1773, praying for a bill of divorce &c., for the reasons alledged in said petition: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Sarah be released from her matrimonial bonds and obligations to the said Wolcott, and she is hereby discharged therefrom. And it is further resolved, that Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Williams and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, be a committee with full power and authority to repair to said Branford, make diligent enquiry into the circumstances and situation of the goods and estate belonging to the said Jeremiah and Sarah at the time of [298] bringing said petition, as also the ‖ circumstances of the family of said Jeremiah at the time aforesaid, and report make to this Assembly at their sessions in May next, that such orders and regulations may be made relative to said estate as may by said Assembly be judged just and equitable; and that the estate which belonged to them at and until the time of the divorce be and remain in the same legal state as it was before said divorce until the report of said committee and the further order of this Assembly relative to said estate be had thereon.

Upon the petition of Joshua Phelps, of Harwington in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that by reason of divers losses, suretyships and other misfortunes, he has become insolvent and unable to pay all his just debts; on which a committee has been appointed, who have made their report, in which they find that the said Phelps has by reason of great losses, sickness, misfortunes and divers suretyships, become insolvent; that he now stands indebted to divers per-

sons to the amount of about one hundred and seventy-five pounds in the whole, exclusive of the cost of bringing forward said petition, and that the whole of his estate amounts only to about the sum of twelve pounds, lawful money, which almost wholly consists of articles of necessary household furniture; and that said committee have reported their opinion that the body of said Phelps ought to be freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt now due to any person or persons who are parties to said petition; which report having by this Assembly been accepted, as per petition and report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the body of the said Phelps be and the same is hereby for the future liberated and freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty now due and oweing to any person or persons who are parties to said petition.

Upon the petition of Elisha Royce, of Wallingford in New Haven county, representing that by misfortune he has become unable to pay all his just debts; praying for relief &c.; on which petition a committee have been appointed and made their report, in which they find that the said Royce now stands indebted to divers persons to the amount of £522 0 0, which is £263 0 0 more than said Royce is worth; that one Robert Royce was previous to the bringing said petition bound for said Elisha for about thirty pounds, for whose security he had made a considerable quantity of personal estate; that he had also conveyed by deed to said Robert all his real estate for the use of Benjamin and Joseph Green of Boston, and that the said Elisha has become reduced by misfortune in trade, &c., as per petition and report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. Reuben Atwater, Capt. Eliakim Hall and Miles Johnson, all of said Wallingford, be and they are hereby appointed trustees with full power to receive a conveyance of all the real and personal estate and credits of the said Elisha, except his household furniture, for the use and benefit of his creditors, and the same to convert into money and divide amongst all his creditors in proportion to their respective debts, being first ascertained by said trustees, or to make an equal division of said estate among his said creditors according to their respective debts as aforesaid, in case they shall so agree. And the said trustees hereby have full power to call the said Royce before them and examine respecting any concealments of said estate. And upon his, the said Elisha's, resigning up all his credits, estate and effects of what nature and kind soever, (except as above

excepted,) into the hands of said trustees for the use and benefit of his creditors and conforming himself in all things [299] to this act, his || body shall be liberated, freed and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty from him due and oweing at the date of said petition to any of his creditors parties to said petition.

Upon the petition of Samuel Stone Butler, of Harwington in Litchfield county, representing that by reason of misfortune he is not able to pay all his just debts; praying for an act of insolvency to pass in his favour; on which petition a committee has been appointed, who having made their report in which they find that the said Butler now stands indebted to divers persons to the amount of £174 0 0, lawful money, in the whole; that the whole of his estate amounts only to the sum of £9 12 0, which consists chiefly in articles of necessary household furniture; that he has been reduced by means of sickness and other peculiar misfortunes, and that they think it would be reasonable that an act of insolvency should pass in his favour, &c., as per petition and report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the person of the said Butler be and the same hereby is for the future liberated, freed and protected from any arrests or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty now due and oweing from the said Butler to any of his creditors who are parties to said petition.

Upon the petition of William Tiley, William Knox and Daniel Marsh jun^{r}, all of Hartford, representing that Doct. Normand Morrison late of Hartford, deceas'd, in his life time made his last will and testament, since proved and approved, and therein appointed his wife Anne Morison, George Smith and John Walker his executors; that the said Anne soon afterwards died, and the said George Smith declining to transact, the trust of executing said will devolved upon said Walker, and he proceeded in collecting, paying and settling the debts and estate of said deceas'd Norman until May, 1766, when a controversy arose between said Walker in his said capacity and the petitioners, respecting said Walker's conduct in his said trust; that they submitted the same to an arbitrament and gave notes to abide the award that should be made thereon; that said Walker recovered a judgment on the note given by the petitioners to abide said award, on an *ex parte* hearing before referees for the sum of £217 16 8¾, damages, and £15 15 6, costs of suit, and execution is now against them therefor; praying for a committee to examine and re-

view the same together with the whole conduct of the said Walker in his said trust from first to last, and that he may be no further allowed to transact with said estate &c., as per petition &c.; whereupon a committee has been duly appointed, and have now reported, that there is now due to the said Walker upon the whole of the matters referred to in said petition the sum of £42 17 2¼, lawful money, and no more; that the said William Tiley has resigned his trust as guardian to Normand Morison, a minor, and the said William Knox is appointed guardian in his stead; that the said Walker desires to be dismissed from his said trust &c.; which report is accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Daniel Marsh and William Knox shall pay to the said John Walker the said sum of £42 17 2¼, to wit: the said Daniel one third part thereof, and the said William two third parts thereof, for himself and as guardian to the said Normand, a minor, and that said judgment and execution recovered against them, the said Tiley, Marsh and Knox, be and the same is hereby made null and void, and that the said Walker be and he is hereby dismissed from his said trust, and utterly disabled to act or intermeddle any further therein. And it is further resolved, that Messrs. James Church and William Adams be and they are hereby appointed administrators *de bonis non*, with the said will annexed, and fully impowered to compleat the settlement of the estate of said deceas'd Normand.

[300] Upon the petition of Elizur Hubbard, of Glastonbury, against William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r}, of Stratford, shewing that in A. D. 1763, the petitioner was indebted to Peter and Mary Mallett, executors of the last will and testament of Peter Mallet late of Milford, deceas'd, the sum of £976 5 5, lawful money, and the petitioner having made sundry payments, among which were two, *viz:* one made by Col. William Pitkin of the sum of £28 13 0, L. money, and fifty pounds, money of New York, by the hand of Henry Arnold, both which last mentioned payments amount to £66 3 0, L. money, and that soon after the petitioner not knowing of said two last payments settled and adjusted several payments, exclusive of said two last, with the petitionee as attorney to said Mallets, and gave a bond for the balance then found due as aforesaid to the petitionee in his own name, on which bond the petitionee has since recovered judgment and execution &c., since which the petitioner has discovered said payments &c., and prays to have said sum of £66 3 0, and interest thereon, applied to the payment of said execution

&c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said sum of £66 3 0, lawful money, and the interest thereof from the date of the bond given by the petitioner to the petitionee, be applied to and allowed upon said last mentioned execution in favour of the petitionee against the petitioner; and the petitionee is hereby ordered and injoyned to endorse and allow the same in manner aforesaid, or pay the petitioner the sum of two hundred pounds, lawful money, to be recovered by *scire facias* before this Assembly.

Upon the petition of Raynold Marvin of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that by reason of divers misfortunes he has become unable to pay all his just debts &c.; praying for relief &c.; on which petition a committee have been appointed and made their report, in which they find that said Marvin has by reason of divers misfortunes, suretyships &c., his affairs have become peculiarly involved and embarrassed; that he now stands indebted to divers persons to a very considerable amount, some part of which have by them been ascertained; that said Marvin is now possessed of a large real estate, which together with his credits will probably be nearly sufficient to pay all his debts exclusive of his household furniture and library; that after the service of said petition, and after said Marvin had given a particular account of his estate and state of his affairs to his creditors in order for a composition, sundry of them did in consequence thereof cause considerable part of his estate to be attached; and said committee also gave their opinion that it would be much best, both for said Marvin and his creditors, that his estate should be resigned up into the hands of trustees and a special act of insolvency pass in his favour, as per petition and report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Abraham Bradley, Moses Seymour and Miles Beach, all of said Litchfield, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power to receive of the said Marvin a conveyance of all his credits and estate of what nature or kind soever, except his household furniture and library and one riding horse and tackling for the use of himself and family; which said trustees are hereby impowered to bring actions in their own name for the recovery of any debts due to said Marvin, and to defend in any suit that may be brought for the recovery of any debt due or claimed to be due from him, and to compromise or settle by arbitration or otherwise any debts due to said Marvin, and to ascertain all those debts due from him to any of his creditors that have not been ascertained by said committee, and convert said estate into money, and to divide the same among all his cred-

itors in proportion to their respective debts, without any preference being given to any of said attaching creditors, or otherwise to divide said estate &c. among said creditors as aforesaid, in case they shall so agree; for which purpose said trustees are directed to notify a meeting of the creditors at such time as they shall appoint in some of the public papers of this government and New York, six weeks successively next before such meeting; which creditors at such meeting shall [301] have full power by a major vote both in number and ‖ value, to agree in a division of said estate in proportion to each of their debts ascertained or to be ascertained as aforesaid, without any advantage being given to said Hazard on account of the interest contained in said computation as mentioned in said report. And that upon said Marvin's resigning up into the hands of said trustees all his said credits and estate, except as above excepted, and making a legal conveyance of the same for the use and benefit of his creditors by the first day of May next. together with his notes, books, vouchers and securities, he shall thereupon be liberated, freed and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty due and oweing from said Marvin at the date of said petition. And it is also resolved, that any two of said trustees may execute their said trust.

Upon the petition of Josiah Phelps, of Windsor in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that in the summer, A.D. 1763, John Lewiss, of Symsbury in said county, wanted to borrow at New York three hundred pounds, York money, and that the petitioner and Charles Caldwell, of Hartford in said county, who was then in good circumstances, at the special instance and request and for the sole debt of said Lewiss, became jointly bound with said Lewiss to Messrs. Marston and Vanhorn for said sum, and the petitioner and said Caldwell received and by the agreement of said Lewiss was to hold said money as their security until said Lewiss should bring and deliver to each of them, said Phelps and Caldwell, a several security for one half of said sum, *viz:* for £150 0 0, York money, each, and that soon after said Lewiss delivered to said Phelps security for one half of said sum and received of said Phelps one half of said money; and that said Lewiss neglected to give security to said Caldwell for the other half of said sum or to require the same of said Caldwell until about six years had elapsed and until said Caldwell and said Lewiss had both become bankrupts; and that said Lewiss brought his action of *indebitatus assumpsit* against

said Phelps and Caldwell for said three hundred pounds by them received as aforesaid for the use of said Lewiss, and before the superior court holden at Hartford on the first Tuesday of September, 1772, recovered judgment against said Phelps and Caldwell for £112 10 0, lawful money, damages, and £11 3 10, costs of suit &c.; further shewing that notwithstanding the petitioner was liable at law, yet by the after agreement of said Lewiss said £150 0 0, York money, was put into and was to remain in said Caldwell's hands until he brought him security therefor, and that said Lewiss omitted to give security to said Caldwell until about six years after and until said Caldwell became bankrupt; further shewing, that said Caldwell has in fact, by orders, payments and discounts, fully paid said Lewiss said sum, which in the tryal at law the petitioner had no opportunity to shew, and, as he conceives, said Caldwell is in some measure joined with said Lewiss to recover said sum of your petitioner and they together to share the plunder &c.; and praying for a committee &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Pitkin, Elisha Williams and William Wells, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with power to enquire after the payments, orders and discounts made by said Caldwell towards said £150 0 0, York money, by the oaths of the parties or otherways as they shall judge necessary; also to enquire relative to said Lewiss' consenting that said £150 0 0 should lie in said Caldwell's hands until said Lewiss should bring said Caldwell security therefor; also to enquire relative to said Lewiss neglecting to bring such security and to call upon said Caldwell for said money the time specified in said petition; also to enquire relative to said Caldwell and Lewiss becoming bankrupt, and to enquire relative to every matter and thing alleged and referred to in said petition that are equitable considerations why said Phelps should be relieved [302] from said judgment: only said Phelps' liableness in ‖ law on the original receiving of said money, which being already determined at law said committee are not to go into; and report make of what they shall find with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May next.

Upon the petition of John Braddick of New London, preferred to this Assembly in October, 1772, praying for an act of insolvency &c., as per petition dated September 16th, 1772, on file may appear; on which petition William Coit, George Buttolph Hurlbutt and Thomas Shaw, of New London, by this Assembly at their session at New Haven in October last were

appointed a committee, to hear, examine and report &c., who have reported as on file; and that in their opinion the petitioner on his assigning over his estate and effects to trustees for the benefit of his creditors, except his household furniture, be liberated from arrests &c., and that his future estate be liable &c.; which report is hereby accepted and approved: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that William Coit, George Buttolph Hurlburt and Thomas Shaw of New London be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the estate of said Braddick for the use of his creditors; and that said trustees be and they are hereby vested with all the powers and authorities which trustees appointed by a late law of this Colony, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estate and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors, were vested with; and that upon said Braddick's assigning to said trustees all his estate and effects and credits, real and personal, which he has or is intituled unto in law or equity, except his household furniture, for the use and benefit of all his creditors, he shall and is hereby declared to be entituled to all the benefits, privileges and exemptions from arrest or imprisonment for any debts by him oweing to the petitionees which insolvent debtors conforming to said act were by law entituled unto; and that his future estate shall be liable to the payment of his said debts; and that a certificate of such assignment being made under the hands of said trustees shall be sufficient warrant to any officer to release the petitioner from any arrest or imprisonment for any debts from him due and oweing.

Upon the petition of Jacob Benton of Harwington, representing that by reason of losses and misfortunes he has become unable to pay all his just debts; praying for an act of insolvency &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Strong and Abijah Catlin, Esq[rs], and Mr. Josiah Phelps, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire all the facts mentioned and referred to in said petition, and their report with their opinion thereon to make to this Assembly at their sessions in May next; and the person and estate of the said Benton is hereby freed and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty now due and oweing to any of his creditors who are parties to said petition, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of John Royce jun[r] of Wallingford, a

committee being appointed by the Assembly have made a report in his favour, which is accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that Aaron Bellamy and Thadeus Cook, both of Wallingford in New Haven county, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power to receive a conveyance of all the estate, real and personal, in possession, reversion or remainder, of the said Royce, and to distri-
[303] bute the same among the || creditors of said John, who shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them, and upon said Royce's conveying and delivering up to said trustees all his estate, real and personal, as aforesaid, for the equal benefit of his creditors in proportion to their demands, excepting only wearing apparrel, bedding and household furniture necessary for upholding his life and that of his family, the body of him, said Royce, shall be and the same is hereby freed, liberated and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty from him due and oweing at the date of said petition to any of his creditors mentioned in said petition.

Upon the petition of David Clarkson, of the city and Province of New York, representing that Jonathan Brown, late of Rye in the county of West Chester, deceas'd, in his life time was indebted to him in a large sum of money, and that said Brown for the satisfaction thereof, *viz.* on the fourth day of April, 1768, assigned over to him two certain notes of hand for £113 12 6, New York money, each, against Ebenezer Tuttle, of Wallingford in the county of New Haven: one payable 28th day of April, 1769, the other payable 28th of April, 1771, both on interest, and in collateral security thereof did at the same time assign over to said Clarkson a deed of said Tuttle's farm, who made the said Tuttle acquainted with said assignment, and also that previous to this said farm was fraudulently conveyed to Zebadiah Brown, and that said Zebediah to induce said Tuttle to give him new notes for said farm did procure said Jonathan's discharges on said two notes, and said Tuttle gave him thereupon four notes in lieu thereof of the like sums each, whereby the said Clarkson lost the benefit of said two notes, and said Jonathan was deceas'd insolvent; praying relief &c., as per petition on file; in which case a committee has been appointed, who have made and returned their report, which has by said Assembly been accepted: Whereupon it is resolved by said Assembly, that said Tuttle pay the said Clarkson said two notes with interest amounting to £315 17 5, York money, together with the costs, and that execution issue accordingly; and that the

same debt and cost discharge so much of said notes to said Zebadiah ; and that said Tuttle shall keep in his own hands a sufficient sum out of his notes to said Zebadiah Brown to pay the cost he hath been put to in defending in this petition and also in a suit depending in law on said note in New Haven county court. *Cost* £20 14 0, *L. money. Ex. granted June 2d*, 1774.

Upon the memorial of John Hawkins Crawford, a prisoner in the common goal in Hartford under conviction for the crime of burglary, shewing that he is sick and in a declining and dangerous state, and praying for proper accommodations and relief under his present circumstances &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of Hartford county provide the said prisoner such accommodations and help for the reestablishment of his health within said prison as he with and by the advice of his physicians shall find necessary. And in case the said prisoner cannot be properly accommodated and relieved within said prison, the sheriff of said county is hereby authorized and directed, by and with the advice of the county court of said Hartford county, to remove the said prisoner to some convenient and suitable place within the liberty of said prison, and there take care of and provide for said prisoner until his health is so far established that he may be safely returned into said prison, and then to reconfine him in said prison until he shall be delivered by due course of law.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Weathersfield, representing the state of the ferry over Connecticut River at the head of High Street in said Weathersfield, lately tended by one Abraham Butler, and praying that the said select[men] and their successors may have for the [304] future the direction and || superintendency thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the direction, superintendency and management of said ferry, as also the appointing the ferryman, shall be in the power of the selectmen of the said town of Weathersfield for the time being; subject to such regulations respecting the fare and attendance as are by law already provided. This act to continue in force during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Thomas of New Haven, administrator on the estate of Charles Thomas late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £14 15 9½, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd

as shall be sufficient to pay said sum &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £14 15 9½ together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Eleazer Fitch, Hezekiah Manning, Benjamin Lathrop and Eleazer Cary, of Windham, shewing to this Assembly that they are indebted to the Colony in about £300 0 0, which is now due; praying for further day of payment, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of the Colony be and he is hereby directed to forbear putting said security in suit until the first of July next.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Sharon, shewing to this Assembly that one John Moony, a foreigner, who had been a soldier in the late war &c., in June, 1772, came into said town, and in October following was taken sick and has been a considerable expence on said town; praying the same may be allowed &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the accounts of keeping and supporting the said poor person, amounting to £24 16 8, be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Colony; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of William Bebee and Joseph Arnold of East Hadam, praying that a fishery they have long improved in Moodus Cove, so called, may be confirmed unto them, and that the fishery in said cove and river above and at and near the mouth thereof on the great river may be regulated &c., as per memorial preferred to this Assembly in May last may appear; on which memorial a committee was appointed and have reported, as on file may appear; which report is accepted and approved: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that no person shall draw any seine or use any other implement for taking fish in Connecticut River within forty rods southerly of the mouth of said cove, nor within said cove in less than forty-eight rods of the mouth thereof. And the proprietors of the land on the east side of said cove have liberty to fish on their own lands lying more than forty-eight rods from the mouth of said cove, on Monday of each week on the tide of flood only. And the memorialists and their heirs shall and they have hereby liberty granted to them, to carry on the fishery in said cove, at a place called Beebe's and Arnold's fishing place, from Monday

morning to Wednesday noon in each week, and at no other time. And that Caleb Chapman, Caleb Chapman junr, Timothy Chapman and Charles Williams, and those who do or shall own lands adjoining to said fishery, have liberty to carry [305] on the fishery there from Wednesday || noon to Saturday morning in each week, and at no other time. And that the proprietors of Eleazer Brainerd's, Jedediah Brainerd's, Reuben Shaylor's fishing places, and the proprietors of the fishery at Dibble's Creek have liberty to fish at their respective fishing places from Monday morning to Friday morning in each week. And that the proprietors of the lands above said last mentioned fishing places have, and they hereby have, liberty granted to fish on their own lands at discretion. And it is further resolved, that the fishery at Bebee's and Arnold's fishing place on the great river a little to the northward of the mouth of said cove, the memorialists and their heirs have liberty to carry on the fishery there from Thursday night to Saturday night in each week; and that the owners of the land have liberty to carry on the fishery there from Monday morning to Thursday night in each week. And 'tis further resolved, that no person shall draw any seine or carry on the fishery in said cove or at the places before mentioned in any other manner or at any other time than is hereinbefore provided.

Upon the memorial of Henry Allyn, Esqr, and others, proprietors of the three-mile lots on the east side of the great river in East Windsor, preferred to this Assembly in May last, praying for a committee &c., upon which a committee was then appointed &c., to make report &c. in October last &c., and the said committee having begun but not yet finished the business of their said appointment &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Major Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Nathaniel Loomiss and Lieutenant Return Strong be and they are hereby reappointed a committee upon said memorial, with the same powers and instructions as were given to them in May last.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Mansfield and others, living within the limits of the first society of New Haven, representing that they had agreed to celebrate publick worship among themselves and had erected a meeting-house and settled a gospel minister; praying for society privileges &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Mansfield, John Potter, Samuel Cook, Abraham Thomson, Ebenezer Townshend, John Storer, Theophilus Munson, William Greenough, Abraham Augur, James Gilbert, Joel Gilbert, Jacob Thom-

son, John Storer jun^{r}, Ashbel Stilman, Timothy Mix jun^{r}, Timothy Ford, Jabez Brown, Stephen Ingram, Levi Ives, Joseph Peck jun^{r}, Hezekiah Augur, Noah Potter, Philemon Potter, Timothy Potter, Job Potter, Joel Ford, Samuel Wadkins, Lemuel Hotchkiss, Griffen Bradley and Timothy Turner, all living within the limits of the first society in New Haven, who have for some time past and do now adhere to and attend upon the ministry of the Rev^{d} Mr. Allyn Mather and the public worship in the new meeting-house in said New Haven, shall be and they are hereby made, erected and constituted an ecclesiastical society, with all such powers, author ities and privileges, as other ecclesiastical societies in this government are vested with, and shall be called and known and distinguished by the name of Fair Haven; and the said new meeting-house is hereby established to be the house for public worship in said society. And all persons who shall come from other places to settle in the limits of the first society shall have liberty to join to the first society, White Haven society, or the society of Fair Haven now erected, as they shall please and at their election; and in case of non-election in six months, they shall belong one to the first society, and the next to White Haven, and the third to said new society, and so alternately according as they successively come and settle as aforesaid, without electing as aforesaid; and any person who has heretofore adhered to either of the aforesaid societies shall have liberty, at any time before the first day of May next, to make his election, whether he will for the future belong to said new society, which election shall be ascertained by their causing their names to be entered with the clerk of the town of New Haven; and that all such as shall hereafter arrive to the age of twenty-one years within the limits of said first society may elect, within twelve months after coming to age, which society they will belong to, otherwise to continue where brought up or where they belonged before.

[306] Whereas Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{r}, Messrs. Richard Smith and others, preferred a memorial to this Assembly in May, A. Dom. 1771, praying for a new highway, to begin near the dwelling-house of Seth Smith in New Hartford, from thence northwestward through part of New Hartford and Barkhemsted to the iron-works, to meet with the road at the house of Joseph Rockwell in Colebrook, upon which a committee has been appointed, who have viewed and reported thereon, as per report on file &c., and the said towns of New Hartford and Barkhemsted having remonstrated and objected

against the acceptance of said report or the establishment of the road mentioned therein, as per remonstrance on file &c., and said report being continued to the session of this Assembly in May next, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, Messrs. Andrew Ward and Miles Murwin be and they are hereby appointed a committee again to view and consider whether said road prayed for will be of publick conveniency and utility or not, taking into consideration the old road already laid out through said New Hartford and part of Winchester to said iron-works and to said Rockwell's, and make report thereof with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly in May next: all at the proper cost and expence of said remonstrants.

Upon the report of a committee appointed to examine into the accounts relating to the light-house in New London, representing that there is due to Jeremiah Miller, Esq^{r}, the sum of £85 7 6, lawful money, for supplies to said light-house, and also that there is due to Mr. Nathaniel Shaw the sum of £19 12 5, lawful money, for supplies to said house, and advising that said sums be paid and satisfied out of the duties on rum in the hands of said Jeremiah Miller, Esq^{r}, as naval officer: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jeremiah Miller, Esq^{r}, be and he is hereby directed and impowered to pay and satisfy said sum of £19 12 5 to Nathaniel Shaw out of said duties, and also to charge the balance of duties in his hands with said balance of £85 7 6, due to him for supplies to said light-house.

Upon the memorial of William Burrell, of Newtown in the county of Fairfield, administrator on the goods and estate of John Burrell late of said Newtown, deceas'd, shewing the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate the sum of £9 11 9; praying liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as amounts to said sum of £9 11 9, lawful money, with the incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Eleazer Mighill, conservator of the person and estate of Mary Birch, shewing to this Assembly that said Mary is unable to take care of and provide for herself, and is indebted for her support the sum of thirty pounds, lawful money, for the payment of which there is no personal estate of said Mary, and that she hath real estate

sufficient for said purpose; praying this Assembly to appoint and impower the memorialist, or some other meet person, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Mary as shall be sufficient to raise said sum, as per said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Mary as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £30 0 0 and the incident charges of said sale, and render his account thereof to the county court of the county of Windham.

On the memorial of Jonathan Dimon of Fairfield, administrator on the estate of Joseph Rowland late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and [307] charges allowed by the court of probate for the ‖ district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas'd surmount his inventoried moveable estate the sum of £85 5 11½, lawful money; praying for liberty and authority to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd Joseph Rowland as shall be sufficient to raise and pay said sum of £85 5 11, lawful money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Dimmis Phelps, administratrix on the estate of David Phelps late of Hebron in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd £159 13 3¾, and that she has nothing in her hands to pay the same; praying that some meet person may be appointed and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise said sum of £159 13 3¾, together with incident charges, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. Asa Foot of Colchester be appointed, and he is hereby appointed and impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise said sum of £159 13 3¾, together with incident charges; taking the direction of the judge of probate for the district of East Haddam therein; and account with said administratrix therefor.

Upon the memorial of Martha Kilby, of London in Great Britain, sole executrix of the last will and testament of Christopher Kilby late of said London, Esq^r, deceas'd, and Henry Leddel, of Boston in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, only surviving executor of the last will and testa-

ment of Benjamin Parker late of said Boston, merchant, deceas'd, shewing that the estate of said Parker hath been duly represented and found to be insolvent, and that said Christopher Kilby in his life time by a certain deed from the creditors of Kilby, Barnerd and Parker, merchants in company, was invested with all the goods, moneys, estate and effects of said Kilby, Barnerd and Parker, in trust to be sold for the benefit of their said creditors, and that by the decease of the said Christopher the execution of said trust is devolved on said Martha, his executrix as aforesaid, the interest of said Barnerd in said company estates and effects having been convey'd to said Christopher in his life time; also that said Kilby, Parker and Barnard held sundry parcels of land and real estate in Norwich in said Colony, which passed by said deed to said Kilby in part and partly belonged to the estate of said Parker, which ought to be sold for the benefit of their creditors; praying that said Leddel and John Philips, Esq^{r}, of London aforesaid, attorney to said Martha, might be impowered to sell said land and real estate &c., as per memorial on file, dated January 13th, 1774: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Henry Leddel and John Philips, Esq^{r}, attorney to said Martha, be and they are hereby authorized and enabled to make sale of all the real estate that did belong to said Kilby, Parker and Barnard in said town of Norwich, and to give a deed or deeds of the same to the purchaser or purchasers of the same, which deed or deeds shall be good and effectual in law to such purchaser or purchasers for the good and sure holding of said lands and real estate to them, their heirs and assigns.

On the memorial of John Smith, of Hadam in the county of Hartford, executor to the last will and testament of Joseph Clark late of said Haddam, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that since he had liberty to sell land, to pay the debts due from said estate and then known, a further account of debts have been exhibited against said estate and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown, amounting to the sum £19 12 0, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell lands &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that [the] memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £19 12 0, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Midletown therein; and to pass deed or deeds accordingly.

[308] Upon the memorial of Abner Chandler, of Corn-

wall in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that he is administrator on the estate of William Tanner late of said Cornwall, deceas'd, who in his life time was one of the managers of Housatonok River lottery, and that said Tanner had sold a number of tickets which proved to be prizes; that he had not received the pay for the whole of said tickets nor redeemed said prizes, and that the estate of said Tanner nor the affairs of said lottery would, neither of them, possibly be settled without a settlement with the possessors of said prize tickets was first made, and that in order thereto the said Chandler had by the advice of the Assembly's committee redeemed with his own moneys a great number of said prize tickets and delivered the same to the Assembly's committee for the use of the Colony, and that there was a balance now due to him on the premises of between thirty and forty pounds; praying that he might be allowed the same with the interest thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Daniel Sherman and Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{rs}, do and they are hereby ordered to pay unto the said Abner Chandler the balance of his said account with the lawful interest thereof from the first day of March, 1770, out of the moneys of the Colony in their hands: first deducting therefrom what the said Chandler has lately received of the said Stiles on that account, as per his receipt of the same; and in case there is not a sufficiency of Colony monies in their hands for the purpose aforesaid, the Treasurer of said Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same or such part thereof as shall remain unpaid by said Sherman and Stiles to him, the said Chandler, out of the Colony treasury.

Upon the memorial of John Wilcox, conservator of the person and estate of Elnathan Wilcocks of Killingworth, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said Elnathan surmount his personal estate of said Elnathan the sum of £24 16 6; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said Elnathan as will be sufficient to raise the sum of £24 16 6 and incident charges of sale, and account with the county court for the county of New London for the avails thereof.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Keeler, administrator on the estate of Stephen Keeler late of Ridgefield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate the sum of £21 16 6; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by

this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said Stephen Keeler, deceas'd, as will raise said sum of £21 16 6 and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Green, administratrix on the estate of Edward Green, late of Milford, deceas'd, representing unto this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £16 3 4, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £16 3 4, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

[309] Upon the memorial of Amos Camp, one of the administrators on the estate of Gideon Camp late of Milford, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £74 16 0, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges of such sale, taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £74 16 0, lawful money, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Peter Betts of Norwalk, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony rates for said town for several years; that many persons by insolvency, removing out of this Colony &c., became unable to pay their rates; that it was impossible for him to collect &c.; praying for an abatement &c.; on which memorial a committee was appointed to examine and report, who having reported to this Assembly and find the sum of £49 17 3, which in their opinion ought to be abated, which report so far as regards said sum is accepted and approved, as per memorial and report

on file: Whereupon it is resolved, that said sum of £49 17 3 be and is hereby abated to said Betts; and the Treasurer of the Colony is hereby directed to credit that sum of the balance of rates due from the town of Norwalk in the year 1763.

Upon the petition of Solomon Bill, of Midletown in Hartford county, shewing to this Assembly that before the adjourned superior court holden at Hartford in December last he was convicted of uttering and passing base, false and counterfeit money, and was accordingly by said superior court sentenced to be whipped twenty stripes on his naked body, to have his right ear cropt off, and to be branded with the letter C on an hot iron on his forehead &c.; praying to have that part of the punishment, (to wit) cropping and branding, remitted and taken off &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that said Bill be relieved from that part of said sentence, (to wit) cropping and branding, which is hereby remitted and decreed to be void; and the sheriff of said county is hereby directed to release and set at liberty the said Bill after he hath complied with and suffered execution of all the other parts of said sentence except cropping of the ear and branding in the forehead accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Silas Smith, of Norwich in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that his father, Joseph Smith late of said Norwich, deceas'd, did on the 25th day of March, 1773, for a valuable consideration sell to him, the said Silas, a small piece of land in said Norwich, near the then dwelling-house of said Joseph, and then made and executed to said Silas a deed thereof, bearing date the 25th day of March, 1773, but was afterwards by sudden sickness and death prevented from acknowledging the same before civil authority as the law requires; praying this Assembly to confirm the title of said land to him, the said Silas, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Silas hath liberty to cause said deed together with this act to be recorded in the records of said town of Norwich; which being done, the same or a copy of such record duly attested shall be admitted as evidence of a title to said land in said Silas Smith, his heirs and assigns, in any court of law or equity where the same may be drawn into question, in the same manner to all intents and purposes as if said deed had been duly acknowledged by said Joseph Smith in his life time.

[310] Upon the memorial of Andrew Ward junr of Guilford, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony rate for said town in the year 1761, and that he exhibited to the then Treasurer a bill of abatement amounting to £7 17 5, which was received and credited; that said Treasurer mislaid or lost said bill of abatement, so that the auditors could not allow said sum, not having said bill of abatement to inspect, and thereupon said balance of £7 17 5 was transferred to the present Treasurer as due from said town; praying the same may be abated, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be credited by the present Treasurer the said sum of £7 17 5 on said rate. as though the same had been originally allowed by the auditors.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Mansfield and Richard Fletcher conservator to the person and estate of Gershom Royce of said Mansfield, shewing to this Assembly that said Royce and wife have sometime since fallen into distraction and become *non compos mentis* and unable to provide for themselves; that the said selectmen appointed an overseer to take care of said Royce and family, and that said overseer expended out of his own estate the sum of £18 12 3, lawful money, in taking care of and providing for said Royce &c., which account was liquidated and supposed to be reasonable by said selectmen, and that the county court in the county of Windham upon application to them made by said selectmen, at their session in February last, appointed the said Fletcher a conservator as aforesaid, and that the said Fletcher has expended the sum of £38 0 11, lawful money, in executing the business of his said trust, which sum has been audited and allowed by said county court; that the whole of said Royce's estate consists in a small farm of land lying in said Mansfield; praying this Assembly to appoint some meet person to make sale of so much of said land as shall be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sums of £18 12 3 and £38 0 11, with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Deⁿ Constant Southworth shall have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Southworth, to make sale of so much of the lands or real estate of said Royce as shall be sufficient to raise said sums of £18 12 3 and £38 0 11, with charges &c., and to make and execute a good and authentick deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of the town of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways according to the directions of the law as it now stands falls very unequally upon the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Norwich have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town of Norwich, to tax the polls and rateable [estate] of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for repairing the highways in each district in which the same was raised and collected; and any Assistant or justice of peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the same manner and form [311] as || town taxes are collected; and every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors; and all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors or any of them after said highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the selectmen for the time being, and by them and their successors paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of such districts respectively whence the same was collected, and be by them laid out for repairing the highways in the same district whence collected as aforesaid. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Norwich for the space of three years from and next after the first day of January 1774, and no longer. And in case the town of Norwich should neglect to practice thereon, then the same shall not be construed as to said town to alter or in any way effect the laws of this Colony respecting the repairs of highways as the same now stand. And it is further resolved by this Assembly, that if the monies so raised as aforesaid in any district in said town should be found insufficient to defray the expence of repairing the highways in such district, then and in that case said highways shall be further and sufficiently repaired by force and

directions of the laws of this Colony; anything in this act notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, that such rate or tax shall not be levied on the estate of any person or persons not belonging to and residing in said town of Norwich.

Upon the memorial of John Shipman, of Saybrook in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that for want of grist-mills that will grind in the dry seasons of the year the inhabitants of said town and the towns adjacent have been distressed and put to great expence to procure their grain flowered, and that he has hit on a plan to build a tide grist-mill of a new and peculiar construction, in said Saybrook, to be moved by salt water, that may be of publick utility; praying for the exclusive privilege of erecting and improving a tide grist-mill in said town of Saybrook &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist, his heirs and assigns, have the full and exclusive privilege, and such privilege is hereby granted, of constructing, erecting and improving a tide grist-mill on the plan and construction proposed, for the term of forty years, at all places within said town of Saybrook and within ten miles westward of Connecticut River: provided the memorialist, his heirs &c., do erect such mill within the term of five years next ensuing and constantly keep up the same, fit for use and improvement, so as to be beneficial to the publick. And all persons are hereby prohibited from erecting or improving any tide grist-mill for the term aforesaid within the limits aforesaid, without the liberty of the memorialist, his heirs &c., on the penalty of fifty pounds, lawful money, to be recovered by action to the use of the memorialist, his heirs, &c.

Upon the memorial of Allen Curtiss and John Sprague, both of Canaan in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that they became bound by bond dated the 20th day of April, 1765, in the penal sum of one hundred pounds, to one Thomas Pardee of Sharon, conditioned that one Jacob Swain, then a minor, should execute and deliver to said Pardee a good warrantee deed of fifteen acres and one half of land lying in said Sharon with the appurtenances in the month of September, 1770; that said Jacob had been fully paid for said land, and before he arrived of age absconded and cannot be found, and that the memorialists have been sued upon said bond, which action is now depending in Litchfield county court, and that said Pardee is willing to accept of said land; praying to be enabled to convey said land to said Pardee; on which memorial a committee have been appointed and

made their report, in which they find the above facts to be true, as per memorial and report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they hereby are authorized and impowered to make, execute and deliver unto the said Pardee, a good and legal deed of the abovesaid [312] land || with the appurtenances, which when recorded and legally authenticated shall be effectual in law to vest the title of said land in the said Pardee; and that upon the memorialists executing and delivering said deed to said Pardee and paying the reasonable cost that has arisen in said action brought on said bond, to be allowed and taxed by said Litchfield county court, they shall thereupon be discharged from said bond.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Gillett and others, living upon a tract of land north of the north line of Symsbury, called the Wedge, within the county of Hartford, shewing that said tract of land and the inhabitants living thereon are not incorporated or included within any town or ecclesiastical society whatever, and are destitute of town or society privileges &c.; praying to be incorporated with the town of Symsbury, and also to be annexed to the society of Salmon Brook &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the whole of said tract of land called the Wedge, and the inhabitants, be, and the same are hereby, incorporated and included within the township of Symsbury, and also that the said tract of land and the inhabitants with their families be and they are hereby annexed to said society of Salmon Brook, and that they shall be entituled to all such town and society privileges as other towns by law have and do enjoy.

Upon the memorial of James Steadman, of Windham in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Thomas Stedman late of said Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate and charges arising thereon, together with the necessary allowances made to the widow of said deceas'd by the court of probate for the district of Windham, surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £264 15*s.* 4*d.*; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise a sum sufficient to pay the same with incident charges arising thereon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist shall have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise a sum sufficient to pay the said £264 15 4, lawful money, and the incident charges arising on such sale; taking

the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Zacheus Waldo, Zebulon Hibbard, Benjamin Cleaveland, Joseph Allen, Lemuel Bingham, Ebenezer Webb, John Palmer, John Walden, Israel Hale, Stephen Webb, William Perkins, Joseph Allen junr, Jonathan Brewster, Ebenezer Bass, John Silsberry, Timothy Allen, Samuel Baker junr, Jedediah Bingham, Zebulon Hibbard junr, Henry Bass and Moses Cleaveland, inhabitants of the third society of Windham, shewing that they, the memorialists, and their families have for a long time attended on the ministry of Mr. John Palmer of said Windham, and do conscientiously dissent from the ministry established in said society, and that said society have assessed the memorialists for building a meeting-house and supporting their minister; praying to be made a distinct ecclesiastical society and be exempted from paying said rates &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists and their families be and they are hereby constituted a distinct ecclesiastical society, and shall be called and known by the name of Brunswick, and that they, their families and descendants, shall have and enjoy all the privileges, advantages and exemptions which other ecclesiastical societies by law are entituled unto, so long as they attend publick worship and support the ministry among themselves, and shall not be taxed to the support of the ministry or for building meeting-houses by said third society; and the taxes already laid by said third society upon the memorialists for building a meeting-house and supporting the minister which are not collected shall not be collected, but they are hereby discharged therefrom.

[313] Upon the memorial of William Hubbard and Zachary Johnson, shewing to this Assembly the late ruinous state of the school-house &c. used for the Indian children at Mohegan, and that repairs for the same by advice &c. had been advanced to the amount of £4 7 11; praying this Assembly to order and direct the payment &c., with some allowance to enable the said school-master to carry on said school &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialists be paid the sum of £4 7 11 for said repairs &c., and also the sum of six pounds for the support of said school-master in said school; and that the Treasurer of this Colony pay the same out of the public treasury accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Baldwin, of Litchfield in Litchfield county, Esqr, shewing to this Assembly that he is administrator on the estate of Asa Hopkins late of said

Litchfield, deceas'd, who in his life time was collector of sundry Colony taxes, which at the time of his death were unsettled, and that there yet remains a balance due to said Treasurer on the whole, which by the reason of the great embarrassments which has and still does attend the settlement of said estate he is not at present able to discharge; praying that he might be allowed to give bond to said Treasurer &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to take the said Baldwin's obligation together with one sufficient surety, for the balance of all the unsettled rates which were in the hands of said Asa, payable in one year from the first day of February next, on interest.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Witter of Preston, shewing to this Assembly that in October last he had a valuable horse stolen by one Stephen Kimbal and others; that he expended large sums in pursuing and convicting said Kimball before the county court held at Norwich in November last; that upon such conviction he, said Kimball, was by said court fin'd the sum of £10 0 0 to the treasury of the Colony; that said Kimball has not a farthing of estate, but must satisfy said debt by service; praying that said Kimball may be assigned in service without his first securing the payment of said fine to the Colony treasury &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the county court of the county of New London be and they are hereby enabled and impowered to assign said Kimball in service for payment of the sums recovered by the memorialist to the memorialist and his assigns, without first securing the payment of said fine to the Colony treasury.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Wilford the 2d, of Branford in New Haven county, administratrix on the estate of Joseph Wilford late of said Branford, deceas'd, and Ebenezer Linsley of said Branford, trustee of the goods and estate of John Willford, a minor, of said Branford, representing to this Assembly that the said Joseph when in life held sundry parcels of land in undivided moieties with the said John his son and heir of John Wilford late of said Branford, deceas'd, and that said Joseph as guardian to said John the minor by appointment of said John deceas'd by his last will, by the assistance of William Hoadley and Roger Tyler, for that purpose appointed by the court of probate for the district of Guilford, did make partition of said lands so held in common as aforesaid; that the said Elizabeth and Ebenezer, finding that said partition is so made as to be very inconvenient

and destructive to the interest of both parties, pray that said first partition may be disannulled and that a more convenient partition lately made at said Branford between the said Elizabeth and Ebenezer with the assistance of Edward Russell may be confirmed and established, as per said memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said first mentioned partition of said lands so made by said Joseph with the assistance of Messrs Hoadly and Tyler be and the same is hereby to all constructions and purposes set aside, disannulled and made void, and the said subsequent partition so made between said Elizabeth and Ebenezer with the assistance of Edward Russel is hereby established, ratified and confirmed.

[314] Upon the memorial of Thomas Champion, conservator of the person and estate of Sarah Bushnell of Saybrook, shewing to this Assembly that the expences of supporting said Mary [*sic.*] has far exceeded the moveable estate of said Sarah, and that the real estate cannot be sold to advantage without selling the whole &c.; praying for liberty to make sale of the whole of her real estate &c.. as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memoralist be and he is hereby appointed to make sale of the whole of the real estate of said Sarah, and is fully impowered to give deeds thereof and to account with the county court for the county of New London for the avails thereof.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Griswold, administrator on the estate of Joseph Griswold late of Killingworth, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £32 18 10½; praying liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £32 18 10½ and incident charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

On the petition of Robert Rose, of Groton in the county of New London, *vs.* Joseph Rose, of Norwich in said county, dated September 25th 1772, as on file, by several continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the superior court in rendering the judgment complained of &c. mistook the law &c.: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative. *Cost allowed respondent is* £6 1 2. *Ex. granted Jan. 29th*, 1774.

On the petition of Titus Brocket junr and Ebenezer Brocket, both of Wallingford in the county of New Haven, by their guardian Charles Dutton of said Wallingford, they

being minors under the age of twenty-one years, *vs.* Elisha Brockett, of said Wallingford in said county, dated May 4th, 1773, as on file, by continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered by the respondent in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Timothy Todd and Abigail his wife, both of Guilford in the county of New Haven, and Stephen Crane, of New Milford in Litchfield county, Jonathan Paddock and Mary his wife, both of the south precinct in Dutchess county and Province of New York, and Joshua Barnum and Andrea his wife, both of the south precinct aforesaid, and Allen Ball and Ann his wife, both of New Fairfield in Fairfield county, *vs.* Joseph Jackson, David Jackson, Ephraim Jackson and Theophilus Hull and Martha his wife, all of Redding in the county of Fairfield, and Dan Jackson of said Ridgfield, children and heirs of said deceas'd Ephraim Jackson, and Elnathan Sturgis and Martha his wife, both of said Ridgfield, dated October 6th 1773, as on file, by continuance from the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October last: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Mathew Gilbert, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, and Ruth his wife, *vs.* Elisha Booth, Jonathan Booth and Hannah Booth, all of said New Haven, dated May 5th 1773, as on file, by several continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the petition of the petitioner is sufficient &c.: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

[325] On the petition of Peter Vandervoort, of the City and Province of New York, *vs.* Hugh Thomson, Benjamin Elsworth and Adonijah Crane, all of East Windsor in the county of Hartford, dated May 6th 1772, as on file, by several continuances lying before this Assembly: On consideration of the report of the committee on said petition &c., the question was now put, whether anything should be granted on the prayer of said petition: Resolved by this Assembly in the negative. *Cost allowed respondents is* £5 9 10. *Ex. granted Jan.* 29*th* 1774.

On the memorial of Nathaniel Drake, Nathaniel Drake jun^{r}, Silas Drake, Shubael Drake, Simeon Drake and Ephraim Peirson, all of the town of East Windsor in the county of Hartford, *vs.* Aaron Bissell of said East Windsor, one of the

principal inhabitants of the first society in said East Windsor, and the rest of the inhabitants of said society, and Daniel Elsworth jun^{r} of said East Windsor, one of the principal inhabitants of the society of Ellington in said East Windsor, and the rest of the inhabitants of said society, dated September 28th 1772, upon file, by several continuances lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same; Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

Thomas Lee, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, and Isabel his wife preferred their certain petition against James Taylor and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Waters and Abigail his wife, Elisha Seymour jun^{r} and Rhoda his wife, Seth Collins and Lucy his wife, Jonathan Sedgwick and Mercy Sedgwick, all of the town and county of Hartford, and Nancy Sedgwick, of Canaan in Litchfield county, dated April 30th 1772, as on file, which by several continuances now lies before this Assembly; and now the petitioners being publickly called did not appear to prosecute the same: the respondents appeared and put in their bill of costs for attendance &c. to answer said petition, which is allowed by this Assembly to be the sum of £4 14 4, L. money. *Ex. granted May 5th*, 1774.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the matters and business now lying unfinished before this Assembly shall be and the same are hereby continued to the session of this Assembly on the second Thursday of May next.

Upon the memorial of Eleazer Ensign, Israel Williams and others, inhabitants of the town of Hartland, shewing to this Assembly that in the year 1761 said town was formed into an ecclesiastical society according to the constitution by law established in this Colony, and have since built a meeting-house and settled a minister &c.; that said town is about five miles north and south and seven miles east and west, and that the said town is divided by a river running through the same from north to south near the middle, each side whereof lyeth a mountain, which renders it difficult for the inhabitants to attend divine service at any one place; that the present meeting-house was erected on the east part of said town without any view for the accommodation of the inhabitants living on the west side of said river; that the number of inhabitants already settled in that part of said town are so increased that it is become necessary for them to have a meeting-house built on the west part of said town; that at present

they are unable to bear the burden thereof, and that a very considerable part of the lands lying west of said river is un-
[316] cultivated and belongs to || non-resident proprietors; and praying this Assembly to lay a tax of six pence on the acre on all the lands in said town lying west of said river, to enable them to build a decent house for divine worship, and to appoint a committee to affix the place for to build said house upon &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that a tax be granted of six pence per acre on all the lands in said town of Hartland lying west of said river, to be paid by the proprietors of said land within six months next after the rising of this Assembly, for the purpose of building a meeting-house in that part of said town for the accommodation of the said inhabitants; and Theodore Woodbridge of said Hartland is hereby appointed a collector to collect said rate, who shall have the same power which other collectors of rates in this Colony by law have, and to be accountable in the same manner; and the said collector is further directed to pay the money so collected into the hands of the committee which shall be appointed by said inhabitants to build said house. And John Owen, Josiah Bissell and Hezekiah Humphry, Esq^{rs}, are appointed a committee with full power to repair to said town of Hartland, view their circumstances, hear all parties concerned, and affix the place whereon to build said house.

This Assembly was adjourned by proclamation &c. until the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secret'y.*

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[319] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quarto.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN SAID COLONY ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MAY, BEING THE TWELFTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS UNTIL THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1774.

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r},	Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq^{r},	William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r},	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r},	Abraham Davenport, Esq ,	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r},	Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r},	
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r},	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},	
William Pitkin, Esq^{r},	James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{r},	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.
Colo. John Strong, Capt. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Capt. John Brooks, Capt. Jabez Brainerd, for Haddam.
Capt. Judah Holcomb, Capt. Jonathan Pettibone, for Symsbury.
Capt. Thomas Belden, Mr. John Chester, for Weathersfield.
Maj^{r} Henry Champion, Mr. Daniel Foot, for Colchester.
[320] Mr. Alexander King, Mr. Gideon Granger, for Suffield.
Capt. Samuel Chapman, Mr. Samuel Cobb, for Tolland.
Capt. Joel White, Capt. Benjamin Talcott, for Bolton.
Mr. Josiah Converse, Mr. Joshua Fuller, for Stafford.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Mr. Emery Pease, for Somers.
Mr. Edward Collins, Mr. Nath^{l} Terry, for Enfield.
Mr. Richard Alsop, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. William Wolcott, Maj^{r} Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Josiah Bissell, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Windsor.
Capt. Daniel Ingham, Capt. Obadiah Hosford, for Hebron.
Mr. David Sage, Capt. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Capt. Timothy Pearl, Mr. Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Thomas Darling, for New Haven.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. Joseph Hull, for Derby.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Maj^{r} James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Mr. John Burgiss, Mr. John Redfield, for Guilford.
Mr. Benj^{a} Hall 3d, Mr. Oliver Stanly, for Wallingford.
Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Colo. Edward Allen, Maj^{r} David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Jonath^{n} Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Isaac Tracy, Mr. Benja. Huntington, for Norwich.
Maj. Samuel H. Parsons, Mr. William Noyes, for Lyme.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Capt. William Morgan, for Groton.
Mr. John Dean, Mr. Nath^{l} Minor, for Stonington.
Mr. Theophilus Morgan, Mr. Hez^{h} Lane, for Killingworth.
Mr. Edward Mott, Capt. John Tyler, for Preston.

Capt. Hez[h] Whittlesey, Capt. Will[m] Worthington, for Saybrook.
Ebenezer Silliman, Esq[r], Capt. Samuel Squier for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Mr. Abner Judson, for Stratford.
Capt. John Mead, Mr. Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. William Hawley, Mr. Peter Fairchild, for Reading.
Colo. Joseph P. Cook, Capt. Daniel Starr, for Danbury.
Maj[r] David Waterbury, Mr. Thomas Young, for Stamford.
Capt. Henry Glover, Mr. Oliver Tousey, for Newtown.
Mr. Zach[s] Towner, Capt. Nehemiah Beardslee, for New Fairfield.
Colo. Philip B. Bradley, Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Thomas Belden, for Norwalk.
Maj[r] Jedediah Elderkin, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Capt. Seth Wright, for Lebanon.
Mr. Phineas Strong, Mr. Jer[h] Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. Cons[t] Southworth, Capt. Experience Storrs, for Mansfield.
[321] Capt. Isaac Coit, Capt. James Bradford, for Plainfield.
Mr. Samuel Craft, Mr. David Williams, for Pomfret.
Mr. Solomon Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Capt. Benja. Sumner, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. Elisha Child, Mr. Jed[h] Morse, for Woodstock.
Mr. Bryant Brown, Capt. William Danielson, for Killingley.
Mr. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Jedediah Strong, Capt. John Marsh, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Mr. Joshua Porter, Capt. James Landon, for Salisbury.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel, Mr. Nathan Eliott, for Kent.
Mr. Asaph Hall, Capt. Samuel Nash, for Goshen.
Capt. Thomas Porter, Mr. John Pierce, for Cornwall.
Maj[r] Charles Burrall, Capt. Samuel Forbs, for Canaan.
Mr. James Pardee, Capt. Ebenezer Gay, for Sharon.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Abel Merrell, for New Hartford.
Mr. John Cook, for Torrington.
Mr. Thomas Noble, Mr. Josiah Starr, for New Milford.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Mr. Mark Prindle, for Harwington.

Ebenezer Silliman, Esq[r], Speaker, } of the House of
William Williams, Esq[r], Clerk, } Representatives.*

*Mr. Silliman having been called home the second week of the session on account of sickness in his family, Col. William Williams was chosen Speaker and Maj. Samuel Holden Parsons Clerk. *New London Gazette*, No. 550. Mr. Silliman, however, resumed his place before the close of the session.

This day being appointed by the royal charter and the laws of this Colony for the Election of the publick officers of the Colony, *viz:* Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Treasurer and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed, and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them, and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the aforementioned offices according to law; which persons so appointed were, Jabez Hamlin, Shubael Conant, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Sam[l] Johnson, Oliver Wolcott, James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq[rs], Mr. Benjamin Payne, Mr. Titus Hosmer, Mr. Thomas Darling, Maj[r] James Wadsworth, Mr. Isaac Tracy, Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Thomas Belding, Capt. Daniel Starr, Maj[r] Jedediah Elderkin, Mr. Samuel Craft, Mr. Joshua Porter, and Capt. Increase Mosely, who were all sworn to a faithful discharge of that trust.

And the votes of the freemen being brought in, sorted and counted,

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r], is chosen Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

[322] The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq[r], is chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r], Roger Sherman, Esq[r],
Shubael Conant, Esq[r], William Samuel Johnson, Esq[r],
Elisha Sheldon, Esq[r], Abraham Davenport, Esq[r],
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq[r], Joseph Spencer, Esq[r],
Jabez Huntington, Esq[r], Oliver Wolcott, Esq[r],
William Pitkin, Esq[r], James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq[r],

were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

John Lawrence, Esq[r], is chosen Treasurer of this Colony for the year ensuing.

George Wyllys, Esq[r], is chosen Secretary of this Colony for the year ensuing.

The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony, and the oath required by act of Parliament made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of his Majesty George the third, entituled An act for granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America &c., were in due form and manner administered to the Hon[ble] Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r], now chosen Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to the Hon[ble] Mathew Gris-

wold, Esq^{r}, now chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistant's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to Jabez Hamlin, Shubael Conant, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, William Samuel Johnson, Abraham Davenport, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, and James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{rs}, now chosen Assistants over this Colony, who thereupon took their seats at the Council Board.

The Treasurer's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, now chosen Treasurer of this Colony.

[323] The Secretary's oath appointed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to George Wyllys, Esq^{r}, now chosen Secretary of this Colony.

Ordered, That Eliphalet Dyer and Phineas Strong, Esq^{rs}, return the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev^{d} Samuel Lockwood, for his sermon delivered before the Assembly on the 12th instant, and desire a copy thereof that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, to be Chief Judge of the Superior Courts in this Colony the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin, and Samuel Huntington of Norwich, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of the Superior Courts in this Colony the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Shubael Conant, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r} to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Talcott, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Midletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven the year ensuing.

[324] This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Eliott, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Silliman, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Benedict, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Shubael Conant, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfret the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter, Esq^{r}, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Seth Wetmore, Samuel Talcott and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, Thomas Hosmer, Jonathan Hills, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Elisha Williams, Solomon Wells, Thomas Belden, Josiah Bissell, Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Charles Elsworth jun^{r}, Nathaniel Chauncey, Mathew Talcott, Richard Alsop, Titus Hosmer, Solomon Whitman, Joseph Hart, Jared Lee, John Strong, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jun^{r}, Fisher Gay, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Jonath^{n} Pettibone, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Joseph Wells, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, William Wells, Elizur Talcott, Jonathan Wells, Phineas Lyman, Alexander King, Daniel Brainerd, Jabez Chapman jun^{r}, Samuel Huntington, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion (of Colchester,) David Barbur, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Ephraim Terry, Joseph Olmsted, [325] Edward Collins, || Benjamin Talcott, Thomas Pitkin, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Oliver Elsworth, Stephen Hotchkins, Reuben Sikes, Dyar Throop, and Emery Pease, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Darling, John Fowler, Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, John Whiting, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Sacket, Samuel Hemingway, Joshua Chandler, Caleb Beecher, Simeon Bristol, Enos Allen, David Wooster, Thomas Howell, David Baldwin, Ephraim Strong, David Ingersoll, Timothy Russell, Charles French, John Daviss, Joseph Hull jun^{r}, Thomas Mathews, Joseph Hopkins, Jonathan Baldwin, Timothy Judd, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Royce, Elihu Hall, Benjamin Hall the 3d, Aaron Lyman, Macock Ward, Dan Johnson, Caleb Hall, Oliver Stanly, Reuben Atwater, Nathaniel Ruggles, Josiah Meigs, Timothy Todd, John Burgiss, Samuel Brown, Oliver Dudley, Jonathan Russell, Samuel Barker, Josiah Rogers, James Barker, William Gould, and John Wooster, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hillhouse, Jeremiah Miller and Samuel Selden, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Gurdon Saltonstall, John Murdock, John Still Winthrop, Jonathan Lattimore jun^{r}, John Hemsted, Joshua Raymond, Winthrop Saltonstall, Elisha Fitch, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Jacob Perkins, Simon Tracy jun^{r}, Samuel Huntington, Benjamin Huntington, Elisha Lathrop, Elijah Backus, Richard Hide, Christopher Leffingwell, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Daniel Bishop, William Witter, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, Joseph Denison, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Nathaniel Minor, Stephen Babcock, Luke Perkins, Nathan Smith, William Williams, Ebenezer Avery, Benadam Gallop, William Avery, Robert Geer, Ebenezer Ledyard, Benjamin Lee, Samuel Ely, John Lay 2d, Samuel Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather, William Noyes, Hezekiah Whittelsey, John Shipman, Justus Buck, Benjamin Williams, William Worthington, Elnathan Stephens, Aaron Eliott, John Pierson, Theophilus Morgan, John Tyler, Joseph Palmer, Thomas Mumford, William Morgan, Nehemiah Huntington, and Nathaniel Backus, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonn Read, Samuel Adams, Robert Fairchild, and Joseph Platt, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Silliman, John Brooks, James Walker, Ichabod Lewiss, Daniel Fairchild, David Wil-

coxson, Samuel Odell, Gold Selleck Silliman, Nathan Bulkley, Jonathan Sturgiss, Abraham Andruss, David Cooley, Samuel Bradley, Samuel Fitch, Thomas Fitch jun^{r}, Thomas Belden, Theophilus Fitch, Elias Betts, Thomas Young, Charles Webb, David Waterbury jun^{r}, Benjamin Weed, Messenger Palmer, Peter Mead, John Mead, Reuben Ferriss, Samuel Olmsted, Samuel Smith, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Cooley, Thomas Benedict, Joseph Platt Cook, Daniel Taylor, [326] Samuel Taylor, Thadeus Benedict, || Henry Glover, Oliver Tousey, Richard Fairman, John Chandler, Henry Peck, Nehemiah Beardslee, Thomas Brush, Alexander Stewart, Lemuel Sanford jun^{r}, Daniel Judson, Philip Nichols, John Allen, Ebenezer Banks, Samuel Wakeman, Zacheus Towner, Ephraim Hubbel, and Amos Mead, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Joshua West, Ebenezer Williams and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gray, Jedediah Elderkin, Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}, Jacob Simons, Hezekiah Manning, Benajah Bill, John Clark, Isaac Coit, Elisha Payne, John Curtiss, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Thomas Williams, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Jacob Dresser, Thomas Moffat, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Jeremiah Kinne, Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart, Nathaniel Child, Samuel Child jun^{r}, Abner Sessions, Solomon Wales, Jedediah Morse, Nathan Frink, Charles Church Chandler, Abraham Burnapp jun^{r}, James Bradford, Elijah Dyer, and Ebenezer Devotion, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Bushnel Bostwick, and Joshua Porter, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everett, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Benjamin Stiles, Thomas Warner, Joseph Pierce, Paul Welch, Samuel Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, Joseph Ruggles, John Ransom, Daniel Lee, Nathan Elliott, Ephraim Hubbell jun^{r}, Daniel Griswold, James Landon, John Hutchinson, Charles Burrall, Elisha Baker, Samuel Forbes, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, Abijah Catlin, Daniel Catlin,

John Cook, Epaphras Sheldon, Mathew Gillett, Zebulon Merrells, Michael Humphry, Giles Pettibone, Nehemiah Andruss, William Cogswell, John Canfield, Joseph Lord, and Thomas Porter, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Messrs. Zebulon Butler, Nathan Denison and Silas Park, to be Justices of the Peace within and for the county of Litchfield for the year ensuing.

An Act for altering the Time of holding the County Court in and for the County of Hartford.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the time for holding the county court in and for the county of Hartford in the month of April shall be on the first Tuesday of April annually; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[327] An Act in Addition to a Law of this Colony entituled An Act for constituting, regulating and governing a Public Goal or Work House in the Copper Mines in Symsbury, and for the Punishment of certain atrocious Crimes and Felonies.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the tryal of persons accused of any of the crimes which by law are punishable by committing the persons convicted of them to Newgate Prison in Symsbury shall be before the superior court only, except the crime of horse-stealing, the tryal of which may be before either the superior or county court.

An Act directing the Payment of Fines inflicted on Society Collectors for not accepting and executing their Office.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the fines by law inflicted on persons chosen to any society office, and who do not accept or execute such office, shall be paid to the treasury of such society, and shall be recovered by action brought in the name of the committee of such society; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to regulate the Fishery at the Mouth of Niantic River.

Whereas drawing seines at and near the mouth of said river greatly obstructs the passage of fish into and up said river, and thereby the fishery in said river is greatly hurt: Which to remedy,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person shall draw any seine for taking fish at any place between Plumb Bush Point, so called, below the mouth of said river, on the easterly side thereof, and the wharf about ten rods above the mouth thereof, nor at any

place on the bar leading to the ferry, at any place within thirty rods of the point of the bar: And whoever shall be guilty of a breach of this act shall forfeit forty shillings for every such offence, one half to him or them who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect, the other half to the treasury of the town in which such offence is committed.

This act to be and continue in force for the space of two years next after the rising of this Assembly, and no longer.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act for the Forming and Regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the towns of Litchfield, Goshen, Torrington and Winchester, shall be one entire regiment, distinguished and called by the name of the Seventeenth Regiment, and shall be under the same rules and orders, and have the same powers, privileges and advantages, as other regiments in the Colony by law have.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act for the Forming and Regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

[328] *Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That the towns of Symsbury, New Hartford, Hartland, Barkhemsted, and Colebrook, shall be one entire regiment, distinguished and called by the name of the Eighteenth Regiment, and shall be under the same rules and orders, and have the same powers, privileges and advantages, as other regiments in the Colony by law have.

Whereas the threatning aspects of Divine Providence on the liberties of the people, and the dangers we are threatned with call for humiliation and prayer to the God of all mercies, to avert his judgments and save his people: Therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation for appointing a day of public Fasting and Prayer, to be observed throughout this Colony, at such time as he, with the advice of the Council, shall think most proper, to humble ourselves before God for our sins and supplicate his mercies, and that he would avert his judgments which threaten us.*

Whereas this Assembly in October last did resolve that they would assert their claim, and in some proper way support such claim, to those lands contained within the limits and

* Wednesday, August 31st, was the day appointed. The proclamation is dated at the Council chamber, Hartford, July 20, 1774.

boundaries of the charter of this Colony, which are westward of the river Delaware:

Resolved by this Assembly, That a Petition in the name and behalf of this Colony be preferred as speedily as may be to his Majesty in his Most Honorable Privy Council, praying that commissioners may be appointed and authorized to settle and affix the boundaries betwixt those lands contained within the limits of our charter lying west of the river Delaware and the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, with the usual rights of appeal; and that the same be prosecuted to a final issue and decision as soon as conveniently may be; and that his Honor, Governor Trumbull, together with the committee appointed in October last to assist him in stating and taking proper steps to pursue the claim of this Colony to said western lands, are desired and impowered to procure such petition to be preferred and prosecuted as soon as may be done; taking the advice of the Colony's council in England therein.

Whereas it appears that there is a considerable sum of money due to the Treasurer of this Colony on notes or bonds for the duties or excise on rum, which notes or bonds are in the hands of the naval officer for the port of New Haven: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed to collect such monies as soon as may be, and render to this Assembly at some future sessions an account of his proceedings therein.

Upon the representation of Daniel Quochetts and others, being the tribe called Pequot Indians, living in the town of Groton, this Assembly do appoint Mr. Edward Mott an overseer of said tribe of Indians in Groton, in conjunction with the surviving overseers, in the room of Daniel Coit, Esq^{r}, deceas'd.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Holden Parsons, Esq^{r}, to be Agent for the Governor and Company of this Colony, to receive, sue for and recover all such debts or demands as are due to the said Governor and Company of this Colony, on bonds, notes of hand or mortgage deeds, from persons residing in the county of New London, as also to sue for and recover the possession of all such lands within said county of New London that belong to said Governor and Company and detained from them; with full power to appear before any court or courts of judicature and represent said Governor and Company for the purpose aforesaid; and that said agent shall pay and account to the Treasurer of this Colony for all the avails of such collections as he shall so make accordingly.

[329] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to direct that a proper number of the General Lists of the Inhabitants of this Colony now laid before this Assembly, together with that returned in 1756, be forthwith printed and distributed to the members of Assembly.

Whereas the printing and publishing of any letters or extracts of letters communicated to this Assembly may be inconvenient and tend to deprive the Colony of much beneficial intelligence, and a free communication of sentiments, which may be extremely useful to assist the deliberations and guide the councils of the Colony: Resolved by this Assembly, that no copies or extracts of any letters communicated to this Assembly by his Honor the Governor shall be taken or published without his Honor's or this Assembly's leave and approbation; and whoever shall transgress this resolution shall be deemed guilty of a breach of confidence and incur the displeasure of this Assembly.

It being represented to this Assembly that there are several lots of unimproved lands situate in the northwesterly part of the town of Farmington, belonging to the Governor and Company of this Colony, formerly mortgaged to them by Gershom Lewiss, deceas'd, and that it is not for the interest of this Colony to hold the same, as the value thereof is not increasing and the wood and timber thereon has been wasted and is exposed to be wasted and destroyed by trespassers &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Strong and Capt. Jonathan Pettibone, Esq^{rs}, be and they are appointed, authorized and fully impowered, to sell and dispose of the said lots of land to the best advantage for the benefit of this Colony, and to make and execute any deed or deeds thereof to any purchaser or purchasers, which deeds shall be good and effectual for conveying and transferring the Colony's title in the same; and the avails and securities thereof and therefor deliver and lodge with the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor, and the same lodge with the Secretary.

Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in October 1770, appointed Oliver Wolcott, Benjamin Stiles and Samuel Canfield, Esq^{rs}, a committee to sell some lands belonging to this Colony on the west side of Ousatonuck River in the township of Kent, and to make return &c., and it being now represented to this Assembly that there is still some land there that is not sold, upon which wastes are committed &c., and also some lands in the township of New Milford taken by

execution in favour of this government against Jehiel Hawley, one of the managers of Ousatonuck River Lottery: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Oliver Wolcott, Benjamin Stiles and Samuel Canfield, Esq[rs], be a committee, or any two of them, to make sale of said lands, and to make proper deed or deeds thereof in the name and behalf of the Governor and Company of this Colony, and lodge the money or securities therefor with the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor, and lodge the same with the Secretary, and make report of their doings to the General Assembly.

It being represented to this Assembly that the cannon and other military stores belonging to this Colony at the fort or battery at New London, for want of proper care are greatly exposed to damage: Which to prevent for the future, and to save and secure the same from further damage,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Titus Hurlburt of said New London be appointed, and he is hereby appointed and directed, to take an exact inventory of all the cannon, small arms, ammunition and other military stores, belonging to this Colony at said battery, or within the said town of New London, and certify the same to this Assembly at their session at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next. And the said Hurlburt is hereby further ordered and [330] directed, to take effectual ‖ care by housing or otherwise the said cannon, arms and other military stores, to prevent any further damage to the same from the weather &c. And that the same may be done in the most reasonable and prudent manner he, the said Hurlburt, is directed to take the advice of the county court for the county of New London therein, and inform this Assembly at their sessions in October next of his doings in the premises.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Burrell to be Colonel of the fourteenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Colo. John Williams, Esq[r], deceased.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter to be Lieutenant Colonel of the fourteenth regiment of militia in the Colony, in the room of Thomas Chittendon, Esq[r], removed out of said Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Ebenezer Gay of Sharon to be Major of the fourteenth regiment of militia in this Colony, instead of Major Burrell promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esq[r], to be Colonel of the seventeenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Norton, Esq[r], to be

Lieutenant Colonel of the seventeenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Epaphras Sheldon, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the seventeenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Pettibone, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the eighteenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Humphry, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant Colonel of the eighteenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Abel Merrell, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the eighteenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Knap jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the new-erected company in the town of Greenwich in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Mead jun^{r} to be Captain of the middle company in the town of Greenwich in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Tucker to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish James Averill to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Cooke jun^{r} to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Wallingford.

[331] This Assembly do establish Haukins Hart to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Wallingford.

This Assembly do establish James Peck to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Wallingford.

This Assembly do establish John Andrews to be Captain of the company or trainband in the society of Greensfarms in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Wakeman to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of Greensfarms in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simon Andrews to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of Greensfarms in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Paul Blodget to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Daviss to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Patten to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Wakeman to be Captain of the company or trainband in the west part of North Fairfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Lyon to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the west part of North Fairfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Bradley to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the west part of North Fairfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Nichols to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Ferriss to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Beers to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Fuller to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lewiss Mills to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jirey Swift to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Witter junr to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Eliab Farnam to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish John Avery Junr to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Preston.

[332] This Assembly do establish Timothy Gaylord to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Norfolk.

This Assembly do establish John Safford to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Botsford to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Comfort Starr to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Vintin Beckwith to be Lieu-

tenant of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Gee to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Buell to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Gillett to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Richard Ransom to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Sperry to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Beacher to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Green to be Captain of the first troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Deming to be Lieutenant of the first troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Metcalf to be Cornet of the first troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Bulkley to be Quarter-Master of the first troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Denniss to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Trapp junr to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jedediah Huntington to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Perkins junr to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Carew to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Alcox to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

[333] This Assembly do establish Isaac Cleaveland to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Little to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Eaton junr to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Cady junr to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Brunson to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Porter to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Rueben Blakslee to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Harriss to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Tennant to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Boland to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noadiah Hooker to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hamlin to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Hart to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asa Bray to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Root to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Judson to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment of this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Farrand to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Mosely to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elias Dunning to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

[334] This Assembly do establish Nathan Smith to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Bradford Steel to be Lieutenant of the eighteenth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Smith to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Smith to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Merrell to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Bidwell to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zachariah Clarke to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the parish of Chester in the town of Saybrook.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Phelps to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Job Case to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Benoni Buttolph to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Cady jun^{r} to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Cady to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gershom Breed to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Hall to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Guilford.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Marcy to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Olmsted to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Brainerd jun^{r} to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Hide jun^{r} to be Captain of the second troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Dan Throop to be Lieutenant of the second troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Fitch to be Cornet of the second troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Thomas to be Quarter-Master of the second troop of horse in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

[335] This Assembly do establish Samuel Seeley to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the east parish of North Fairfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Weld to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Chandler jun^{r} to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mark Elwell to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Holbrook jun^{r} to be En-

sign of the 18th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Paul Brigham to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Titus Murson to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Tarbox to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Woodward to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Bacon to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Cady to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Roger Phelps to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Blague to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noadiah Russell to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Cooper to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Stewart to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Abby to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Payne Convers junr to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Leavenworth to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Tille Blakesley to be Lieuten-

ant of the third company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

[336] This Assembly do establish Thadeus Hurd to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Woodbury.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Miller to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 6th regiment of this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Wetmore to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Wetmore to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the sixth regiment of this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joab Enos to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Hart jun^{r} to be Captain of the troop of horse in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hubbard to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Wilcox to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Benham to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jared Shepard to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hugh White to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Savage to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Butler to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Copley to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Daviss jun^{r} to be Ensign

of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Clark to be Captain of the company or trainband in New Stratford in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in New Stratford in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Wells to be Ensign of the company or trainband in New Stratford in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Wheet to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Elliss to be Lieutenant of the 2d company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Griswold to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the town of Norwich in the third regiment in this Colony.

[337] This Assembly do establish Solomon Elsworth to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Noah Allyn to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Wells to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Moses Forbs to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Roberts to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Hartford.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Hill to be Captain of the second troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Hull to be Cornet of the second troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Kirtland to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Scovil to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Dan Platt to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Dutton to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Williams to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Roswell Post to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Lay to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Bezaleel Ives to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Allen Rice to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Divan Berry to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Bell jun^{r} to be Captain of the company or trainband in the society of Midlesex in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eli Reed to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the society of Midlesex in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

[338] This Assembly do establish Silvanus Fansher to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of Midlesex in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Tennant to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish George Chadwick to be Captain of the south company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Roger Newberry to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Loomiss to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Wilson to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor.

This Assembly do establish James Fitch jun^{r} to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Hide to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Deming to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Wright to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Tennant to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Rose to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Baldwin to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eli Butler to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. David Smith of Waterbury Surveyor of Lands for the county of New Haven.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Kellogg Surveyor of Lands for the county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Doughty Surveyor of Lands for the county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen Butt to be Surveyor of Lands for the county of Windham.

[339] This Assembly do appoint Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r}, Messrs. Richard Alsop, Samuel Bishop, Theophilus Morgan, Thomas Belden of Norwalk, Experience Storrs and Jedediah Strong, to audit the Colony accounts with John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, the present Treasurer of this Colony.

Whereas a highway was ordered to be laid out from the meeting-house in the society of Southbury in the town of Woodbury to the court-house in New Haven, to pass by the meeting-house in the society of Oxford, in pursuance whereof a highway was laid and bounded out from said Southbury meeting-house to said Oxford, which was established by an act of this Assembly in May, 1766, and at the same time Daniel Sherman, Benjamin Hinman and Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{rs}, were appointed, and in October, 1766, reappointed, a

committee to lay out said highway from said Oxford to said New Haven in the best and most convenient place, who entered upon said service but did not compleat the same before the time limited for making their report expired, and it being now represented by some of the members of this Assembly that there is great need of finishing the laying out said highways: This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey and Timothy Judd, Esq^{rs}, and Mr. Daniel Bennit, a committee, with full power to lay out a highway in the best and most convenient place, from the dwelling-house of Capt. John Wooster in said Oxford society to the court-house in said New Haven, and bound the same by suitable monuments where they vary from the highways already laid out: and the damage done to any persons in their lands thereby shall be paid by the respective towns in which such lands lie, as the selectmen of said towns and the parties interested may agree or as the same may be apprized by said committee; and said committee are hereby directed to give seasonable notice to one or more of the selectmen of each of the towns wherein said highway is to be laid out to be present at the laying out of the same, and make report of their doings to this Assembly in October or May next.

Upon the petition of Elisha Baker, Esq^{r}, of Canaan in Litchfield county, representing that he is unable to pay all his just debts; praying for a special act of insolvency in his favour &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of said petition be referred to this Assembly at their session in October next; and the person and estate of said Baker be and the same is hereby protected and freed from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty now due and oweing from him, the said Baker, to any of his creditors who are parties to said petition, until the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Jacob Benton, of Harwington in Litchfield county, praying for an especial act of insolvency in his favour, as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of said petition be referred, and the same is hereby referred, to the session of this Assembly in October next; and that the person and estate of said Benton shall be and the same is hereby exempted from any arrest and imprisonment for any debt due and oweing from him, the said Benton, to any person parties to said petition at the date thereof.

Upon the petition of James Clark, of Litchfield in Litch-

field county, representing to this Assembly that, by reason of sickness and other misfortunes, he is unhappily become insolvent, and that he has been by several of his creditors a considerable time confined in Litchfield county goal, to the distress of his family, the damage of his creditors in general, and that a lengthy confinement would render his present personal bodily disorders dangerous to his life; praying for an especial act of insolvency in his favour, as per petition on file &c., in which request most of his creditors have actually joined and none object: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. John Marsh, Ephraim Harrison and Samuel Barnerd, all of said Litchfield, be and they are hereby appointed trustees unto the said James Clark, with full power to receive [340] of the said || Clark a legal conveyance of all his estate, both real and personal, in law and equity, with all his notes, book-debts and credits of what kind or nature soever, with all vouchers appertaining thereto; and that upon the said Clark's making and duly executing such conveyance, and upon oath resigning up all his estate as aforesaid into the hands of said trustees for the sole use of his creditors, excepting only such necessaries as are by the laws of this government exempted from being taken by execution, on or before the first day of July next, and producing a certificate thereof under the hands of said trustees, the keeper of said Litchfield county goal is hereby ordered to dismiss said Clark from his confinement in said goal by any person or persons parties to said petition; and said trustees upon such resignation are hereby impowered to bring actions in their own names for the recovery of any estate or debts now due and oweing unto said Clark from any person, with full power to ascertain and adjust all debts now due from said Clark to any of his creditors parties to said petition, with power to settle by arbitration any controversy now subsisting between the petitioner and any person indebted to him, and to dispose of and convert the said Clark's estate so to them resigned into money, and the same equally to divide to and among his creditors; and that the person of said Clark shall forever after his resigning up his estate to said trustees as aforesaid be exempted and freed from any arrest or imprisonment on account of any debt due and oweing from him to any person or persons parties to said petition at the date thereof. And it is also resolved, that any two of said trustees may execute said trust.

Upon the petition of Daniel and Sarah Hooker &c., against Titus Hosmer, Esq^{r}, and George Hosmer, praying for a com-

mittee &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{r}, Isaac Lee jun^{r} and Benjamin Payne, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed and impowered a committee, to examine and enquire of the several matters and things alledged and set forth in said petition, and make report thereof with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of John Walker, of Bolton in the county of Hartford, representing to this Assembly that he is indebted to John Keith, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, and to sundry other persons, the sum of £576 10*s*. 0*d*. lawful money, and that all his credits and estate wherewith to pay said debt does not exceed the sum of £400 0 0, lawful money; that by reason of losses, misfortunes, disappointments &c., he is unable to pay his said debts; that he is desirous of doing equal justice among all his creditors, but hath it not in his power, by reason some individual of his creditors are taking by attachments and legal process what little property they from time to time find in his hands, whereby great part thereof is consumed in cost &c.; praying that upon his disclosing upon oath all his goods, credits and estate, and delivering up the same into the hands of some meet persons who may be appointed trustees to receive the same to be disposed of for the benefit of said creditors, he may by decree of this Assembly be freed and exempted from all future arrests, imprisonment and restraint on account of any debt or debts by him heretofore contracted &c., as per petition on file; and it appearing that the facts set up in said petition are true and uncontradicted, and a considerable part of said creditors, both in number and value, having joined in a motion that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and that trustees be appointed accordingly &c.: It is therefore resolved, decreed and ordered by this Assembly, that Thomas Hopkins, John Chenevard and Ralph Pomeroy, all of Hartford in said county, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, fully authorized and impowered to receive of the said Walker, who is hereby directed to convey the same, conveyances of all his estate, goods and credits, for the use and benefit of said creditors; and said trustees are forthwith to proceed and collect all said Walker's estate, and turn the same into money, and divide and pay the same to and among said creditors in equal average and proportion to their respective just demands; and the said Walker shall, from time to time and at all times when required, afford said trustees all the assistance in his power to enable them to recover the

debts now due and oweing to him. And upon the said Walker's discovering upon oath all his goods, credits and estate, and making and executing ample conveyances of the same to said trustees for the benefit of said creditors, and conforming himself to this act, it is hereby ordered and decreed, that he, said Walker, be freed and exempted from [341] all future arrests, || imprisonment and restraint on account of any debt or debts by him heretofore contracted; and the said Walker shall be allowed to keep out of said estate all such articles as are by law exempted from being taken by execution to satisfy debts, for his own use, anything herein before contained notwithstanding. And said trustees are to have all that authority, and to be under the same regulations in executing their trust aforesaid, as trustees appointed according to a late law of this Colony, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for recovering the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors.

Whereas Charles Caldwell, of Hartford in Hartford county, hath preferred his petition to this Assembly against James Caldwell, of Hartford aforesaid, complaining of sundry matters and doings of said James against him, and there not being time to hear the same at this time: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be continued, to be heard before the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be convened at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next; and that all proceedings on the matters therein alledged and complained of be suspended in the mean time.

Upon the petition of Stephen Burrit of New Haven, representing that by many real misfortunes in trade he is reduced in his circumstances, so that he is unable to pay his just debts, and that he is desirous of delivering up all his estate for the benefit of his creditors; praying to be released from his confinement &c., as per petition on file; and it appearing to this Assembly that said Burrit is confined in goal in an ill and dangerous state of health: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that Thomas Darling, Samuel Bishop jun^{r} and Thomas Howell, Esq^{rs}, are appointed a committee to examine into the situation of said Burrit's debts and estate, and make report thereof to this Assembly at their sessions in October next; and the said Burrit is hereby released from his imprisonment until that time.

Upon the petition of Thomas Barber 3d, &c., *vs.* Rachel Dowe &c., Maj^{r} Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne, Esq^{rs}, and

Mr. Silas Dean were appointed a committee in October last by the General Assembly, and said committee have not been able to finish said business: Said committee are hereby again appointed on said petition, to examine into the equity of the petitioner's debt and judgment and all matters set forth in said petition, and to make report with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven in October next; and said execution against the petitioner, and all proceedings thereon, are hereby suspended and stayed until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Daniel Pratt, of Glastonbury in Hartford county, shewing that on the 28th day of June, 1763, he gave and executed his note of hand to John Thomas of Hartford, for the sum of £32 3 0, lawful money, on interest from date, which sum was not all of it then due to said Thomas &c., whereupon a committee hath been appointed to examine &c., who have now reported that said Thomas took said note for £10 16 5, lawful money, more than was at that time due to him from the petitioner, and that said Thomas ought to pay the petitioner said sum of £10 16 5, lawful money, together with the interest on the same from said 28th day of June, 1763, to this time &c., which said report is now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Thomas shall pay to said Daniel Pratt the said sum of £10 16 5, lawful money, together with the interest thereon from the 28th day of June, 1763, to this time, amounting to the sum of £7 2 0, lawful money, and that execution &c. *Cost allowed the petitioner is* £12 7 0, *L. money. Ex. granted June 4th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of Jonathan Ashley *vs.* William Hooker &c., a committee was appointed to hear and report, who accordingly have made report, but the same not containing sufficient facts whereby to enable this Assembly to know what is right and just to be done between said parties, said report is set aside: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Pitkin, Majr Elisha Williams, and Thomas Hosmer, Esqrs, be and they are hereby appointed a committee on said petition, to hear, examine and report the whole state of said case with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly in October next.

[343] Upon the petition of Joseph Barnerd, of Hartford in Hartford county, against Solomon Wells, of Weathersfield in said county, brought to the General Assembly held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1770, praying for the redemption of about six acres of meadow land, which

was mortgaged to the petitionee's father, Gideon Wells late of said Weathersfield, deceas'd, and described to be bounded in said mortgage deed, east on a highway, south on land then belonging to Joseph Buckingham, Esq^{r}, and north on land then belonging to John Skinner jun^{r}, and west on land belonging to sundry persons &c.; Josiah Bissell, James Wadsworth and Roger Newberry, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee to hear the parties on the matters in said petition, and report make &c.; which committee pursuant to said appointment report, that they find that on the fifth day of November, 1734, the petitioner did, to secure £100 0 0, old tenor, mortgage said lands to said Gideon, and that said Gideon gave his bond of £400 0 0 to the petitioner at the same time, conditioned to reconvey said land on the petitioner's paying said £100 0 0 in one year from that time; that said £100 0 0, old tenor, is equal to £25 13 4, lawful money, and that the same with the interest thereof (exclusive of two years interest paid by said Barnard) amounts to £88 8*s*. 9*d*. lawful money; that the petitioner remained in the possession of said land until after the death of said Gideon, who died about the year 1740, leaving minor heirs, and that the petitionee and those from whom he claims on the death of said Gideon entered and took possession of said land, and hath ever since had the whole profit and improvement thereof, and that the net profits of said land since the death of said Gideon amounts to £90 0 0, lawful money, and that said land is worth £90 0 0, lawful money, and that said Barnard soon after giving said deed became poor and much embarrassed in his affairs, and so continued until very lately &c., as per report on file; which report being accepted by the General Assembly held at Hartford in May last, and liberty for a bill &c. given, and by continuance comes to this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the petitioner's paying to the petitionee said sum of £25 13 4, money, any time within six months from the rising of this Assembly, thereupon the petitionee shall within one month after such payment convey and release to the petitioner all his right, title and claim to said land by deed, on penalty of forfeiting to the petitioner two hundred pounds, lawful money; and that if said Barnard neglect to make payment of said sum within said time limited as aforesaid, he be foreclosed of his equity of redemption of said lands.

Upon the petition of Jesse Ives, late of Wallingford now of Brimfield in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing that the petitioner had entered into a contract for the pur-

chase of a farm at Norfolk; that in order to extricate himself he agreed with his two brothers, John Ives and Titus Ives, and one John Morse, to convey to them certain about nineteen acres of land, to pay them for the trouble they should be at in disengaging him from said bargain &c., they at the same time agreeing to return him said nineteen acres of land, or the value thereof, after they were paid for their trouble &c.; further alledging that they did procure said bargain to be made void as to the petitioner with little trouble and expence &c., as per petition &c., and praying for a committee &c.; whereupon a committee was appointed &c., and they have now reported &c., which report is accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Ives and the heirs of the said John Morse (who is lately deceas'd) *viz.* Eliakim Hall junr and Eunice his wife, Joel Morse, Sarah Morse and Phebe Morse, all of said Wallingford, shall pay to the petitioner the sum of forty pounds, lawful money, that is to say, the said John Ives the sum of twenty pounds, and the heirs of the said Morse twenty pounds, with such costs as shall be allowed the petitioner in prosecuting his said petition, and that the Secretary shall issue execution against them severally for said sums in favour of the petitioner, *viz.* for the one half of said sums against the said John Ives, and for the other moiety against the said heirs of the said John Morse. *Ex. granted against said John Ives July 5th*, 1774. *Ex. granted against said Eliakim Hall jr. &c. July 5th*, 1774.

[343] Upon the petition of Benjamin Marcy, Asahel Marcy and Mary Marcy, widow, all of Woodstock in Windham county, and Dorcas Barns, of Plymouth in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, as they are the only descendants from and legal representatives of James Corbin, late of Dudley in the county of Worcester and Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing that in June, 1708, the said James Corbin, then of said Woodstock, by sundry purchases from Major James Fitch, then of Canterbury, became seized in fee of 21400 acres of land in the township of Ashford by estimation, of which said lands many sales were therein made by said Corbin, and many incroachments have been since made thereon by settlers and different claimers of said town of Ashford to the great prejudice of said Corbin, and by means whereof the title to many lots was rendered uncertain to the possessors thereof &c., and so continued until May, 1719, when, upon application to the General Assembly of this Colony for that purpose, a committee was appointed to enquire

into and ascertain the claims of certain particular persons, and also to settle and liquidate all the claims to lands in said town of Ashford, which was accordingly done by said committee, and afterwards ratifyed and confirmed by said Assembly in October, 1719, upon report then made thereof &c.; that afterwards in November, 1725, the said James Corbin obtained a patent from this Colony of all those certain lands first surveyed to and claimed by the New Scituate gentlemen, so called, not included within their original right of five and three miles square, by force of which said patent the said Corbin became seized in fee of 2476 acres of said land, first surveyed to said New Scituate gentlemen as aforesaid; that notwithstanding all the settlements and ascertainments of said said several persons lands so made by said committee in the year of our Lord 1719, the inhabitants and settlers in said town of Ashford have from time to time been encroaching and entering upon the said Corbin's lands, as well those purchased from said Fitch as those contained in said patent from this Colony, and have by sales and dispositions thereof, and in various other ways, rendered the petitioners' title thereto so perplexed and embarrassed that it is almost impossible to evince the same in due course of law &c.; praying for a committee to examine and report the same with their opinion thereon &c.; whereupon a committee was appointed, and have now reported that the said Corbin and those claiming by or under him have not taken up on the claim of the said Corbin, *viz.* those lands which he purchased of said Fitch, the whole quantity allowed to him by the settlement of said Assembly's committee in 1719, but that there still remains to make up the whole of the quantity so allowed nine hundred and ten acres one rood and twenty-eight rods, and also that there remains untaken up by said Corbin &c. in the patented lands granted by this Assembly in 1725 to said Corbin and his associates, exclusive of what lands lying within the bounds of said patent was duly settled by said committee in 1719, thirteen hundred and seventy-five acres of land; that the petitioners are heirs of the said Corbin, and have the sole equitable right to said lands so remaining as aforesaid, and ought to have and hold the same in the following proportion, to wit: the said Mary Marcy one ninth part, the said Dorcas Barns one ninth part thereof, and the said Benjamin Marcy three fifths of seven ninth parts thereof, and the said Asahel Marcy two fifths of seven ninth parts thereof. And the said committee have also reported it as their opinion, that the petitioners ought to be restricted to take up the said remain-

der in said Corbin's claim, so called, in the undivided lands in said claim; which said report of said committee being now accepted and approved &c., and a question arising thereon, whether the patent granted to said Corbin in 1725 ought to be considered as in addition to his claim by virtue of the doings of the committee in 1719, and said question being resolved in the affirmative &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioners shall have liberty to take up and lay out to themselves, in the proportion aforesaid, said 910 acres one rood and twenty-eight rods of land in said undivided lands in said claim, and also that they shall have and hold, in the proportion aforesaid, said 1375 acres of land within said patent granted to said Corbin, being what remains unsold by said Corbin and not quieted by said committee in 1719, as by the said report of the committee now exhibited and approved at large appears; and that the petitioners and their heirs shall for the future be quieted in the aforesaid claim and patented lands in the quantities aforesaid, in the proportion aforesaid.

Upon the petition of Isaac Bidwell, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that in April, 1761, James Jauncey, of New York, recovered judgment against John Patterson and Samuel Cole, of said Farmington, [344] for £354 6*s.* 8*d.* || New York money, debt and cost, and that execution thereon was taken out and put into the hands of the petitioner by Joshua Chandler of New Haven, whose property said debt was, and that the petitioner, as deputy to the sheriff of Hartford county, received said execution to collect, and that there was paid £274 14 3, York money, upon said execution, and that the petitioner had made other payments on said execution which were not endorsed, and that a large sum was equitably due to the petitioner &c., and that William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, sheriff of the county of Hartford, had instituted a suit on his bond of indemnity, and had attached the petitioner &c.; praying for relief, as per petition on file; whereupon Jabez Hamlin, Benjamin Payne and Titus Hosmer, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee, who now make their report which is accepted and approved: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said Bidwell ought to pay the sum found due by said committee, amounting to one hundred and twenty-eight pounds two shillings and six pence, lawful money, on account of said deal and transactions; and that the execution in favour of said Jauncey against said Pitkin shall remain in said Chandler's hands as his security therefor; and

that said execution be discharged and settled upon payment of the sum found due as aforesaid; and that the same be a full and final settlement of all dealings and transactions between said Chandler and Bidwell on their private accounts and as said Bidwell was deputy to said Pitkin. *Cost allowed respondent is* £11 0*s.* 0*d.* *Ex. granted June 4th*, 1774.

Upon the memorial of Silas Dean, of Weathersfield, administrator of the goods and estate of Mehitabel Dean late of said Weathersfield, deceas'd, and of Joseph Webb, Sarah Webb, Mehitabel Webb, Samuel Blackesly Webb, John Webb, Abigail Webb and Jesse Dean, all of said Weathersfield, children and heirs of said Mehitabel, which said Samuel is a minor and appears by his guardian Titus Hosmer of Middletown, and said Mehitabel, John, Abigail and Jesse are likewise minors, and appear by their guardian the said Silas Dean, and of Anne Mix, executrix of the last will and testament of Ebenezer Mix late of Hartford, deceas'd, and of John Mix and Elisha Mix, children of said Ebenezer and minors, who appear by said Anne their guardian, shewing that said Ebenezer in his life time mortgaged to said Mehitabel two certain pieces of land, one lying in Hartford containing about eighty acres, the other lying in Farmington containing three hundred acres, by deed dated the 28th day of June, 1762, defeasible on payment of the sum of £415 10 11, lawful money, on two notes of hand given by said Ebenezer to said Mehitabel, and that there is now due on said mortgage the sum of £571 2 8½, lawful money, which cannot be paid but by sale of said lands; that said Ebenezer in his life time conveyed his equity of redemption by deed to said John Mix and Elisha, and that by reason of the incapacity of said minors the said lands cannot be conveyed to purchasers; praying that said Anna and Silas may be authorized and impowered to make sale of so much of said mortgaged premises as will raise the said sum of £571 2 8½ with the interest thereof till paid, and the same being paid or secured to said Silas as administrator of said Mehitabel Dean, for the use of said children and heirs of said Mehitabel, that thereupon the said Silas be enabled to release the right of said minor heirs of said Mehitabel to said John and Elisha &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Silas and Anne have liberty and authority, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said Silas and Anne, to sell so much of said mortgaged premises as will raise the sum of £571 2 8½ with the interest thereof till paid and incident charges of sale, and to give a deed or deeds accordingly, and that the

monies arising on said sale or sales being paid or secured to be paid to said Silas as administrator of said Mehitabel Dean, that the said Silas shall have liberty and authority by his deed of release to convey to the said John Mix and Elisha Mix all the residue of the title of said minor children of said Mehitabel Dean to said mortgaged premises, and that all deeds made pursuant to and by virtue of this act shall be good and effectual in law for the sure holding the estates therein conveyed.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Austin, Moses Spears, William Stratton, James Rising and Asaph Leavitt the second, shewing that they are Baptists by profession, and practice and attend publick worship in that way &c.; that, notwithstanding, the second society in said Suffield do tax and compel them to pay for support of the ministry and the building of meeting-houses &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memo-
[345] rial &c.: || Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid memorialists for the future shall and they are hereby exempted from all rates for the support of the ministry and building of meeting-houses in said society, so long as they continue to attend publick worship with the baptists agreeable to law.

Upon the petition of Isaac Bidwell of Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that about ten years since the petitioner made and executed to Colo. William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, then sheriff of the county of Hartford, a deed of a certain tract of land situate in the town of Farmington in the county of Hartford, with the buildings thereon standing, butted east upon the town street, south on Litchfield road, north on land of Mr. John Case, west upon Poquabuck River, as a pledge and security for his, the said Bidwell's, good management as a deputy for him, the said William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, and that the said Pitkin has sold the same to one Samuel North, and the deed not yet recorded; praying for liberty to redeem the same &c., as per petition on file; whereupon Erastus Wolcott, Benjamin Payne and Jonathan Wells, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee in the premises, and having made their report &c., which report having been accepted: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said North shall deliver back to said Pitkin the said deed given him by said Pitkin unrecorded, upon his, the said Pitkin's, paying to him, the said North, the sum of fifty pounds, lawful money, together with the lawful interest therefor from the time he received the same of said North to the time the same shall be paid by said Pitkin: provided the money be paid at any time

within six months from and after the rising of this Assembly; under penalty of £300 0 0, L. money; and that said Pitkin, upon his, the said Bidwell's, paying or securing to him the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money, with the lawful interest from and after the last day of March, 1770, together with two bills of cost, recovered by said Pitkin against said Bidwell before the superior court, within six months from and after the rising of this Assembly, then the said Pitkin shall reconvey to said Bidwell all his title to said home-lot and buildings, and discharge the said judgments of said superior court, and that under the penalty of three hundred pounds, lawful money.

Upon the petition of Peter R. Livingstone, of the City and Province of New York, against the south society in the town of Hartford, shewing that the standing committee of the south ecclesiastical society in Hartford did, by special directions from said society, on the first day of June, 1765, lease and to farm let for the space of 999 years from and after said first of June, 1765, unto Alexander Chalker and Mary Chalker his wife, both of said Hartford, a certain lot of land lying in said Hartford, with a mansion house and buildings thereon, containing three roods of land, bounded east and north on highways, west on Aaron Bull's land, south on parcel of the whole lot containing four acres, which was then lately given to said society by Mrs. Ann Burnham late of said Hartford, deceased, natural mother and next of kin to Joseph Buckingham, Esq^{r}, late of said Hartford, deceas'd, from whom said estate was derived, for the consideration of £290 0 0, money, for security for the payment of said sum and the interest thereof, said Alexander and Mary executed their mortgage deed to said committee of the leased premises together with two other parcels or tracts of land lying in said Hartford, *viz.* one piece lying in the south meadow, so called, called Ward's Lot, containing about fourteen acres, bounded north on Elisha Bigelow's land, east on the dead swamp, south and west upon a creek, and the other piece lying on the road which leads from said Hartford to Weathersfield, containing about 12 acres, bounded east and south upon highways, north upon Josiah Bigelow's heirs' land, and west upon Elisha Bigelow's land; that said Alexander in about one year after that time failed in business and became bankrupt, and said society's committee entered into possession of the leased premises by virtue of their mortgage deed; that the said Chalker being indebted to your petitioner about £270 0 0, New York currency, had, a few days before his

failure, assigned over for the petitioner's benefit and for security of said £270 0 0 said leased premises, and the petitioner received the same being ignorant of the mortgage deed aforesaid, it not having been recorded; praying that said committee be ordered to convey to the petitioner part of the mortgaged premises &c., as per petition on file; and said society having taken back said first above described piece of land and are therewith content for said debt and interest except £22 0 0, on receipt of which said society are willing to release and convey to the petitioner the rest of said mortgaged premises: Resolved by this Assembly, that said society [346] by their society committee, who are ‖ hereby fully impowered and authorized thereto, be and they are hereby ordered and directed, upon the petitioner's paying to said society or their said committee said sum of £22 0 0, lawful money, any time within six months from the rising of this Assembly, to release, remise and assign to the petitioner, within one month after such payment shall be made, all the right and estate said society have in the several pieces of land above described and contained in said mortgage, except the first above described, which was leased to said Chalker and wife and by said society taken back.

Upon the petition of Josiah Phelps against John Lewiss and Charles Caldwell, preferred to the General Assembly in May, 1773, and by sundry continuances came to the adjourned General Assembly in January last, Colo. John Pitkin, Majr Elisha Williams and William Wells, Esqr, were appointed a committee with instructions to hear and report all the equitable considerations why the petitioner should be relieved from the judgment mentioned in said petition; which committee report that they find the sum of £12 1 10, money, only due to said Lewiss on said judgment, and that upon a full view of the case that it is equitable that the petitioner should be released from paying any part thereof, and that said Caldwell should pay the same; which report being accepted: It is resolved by this Assembly, that said Phelps be and he is hereby discharged from said judgment and execution and all liableness thereon; and said Charles Caldwell, upon his paying to said Lewiss said sum of £12 1 10, money, and the cost in said execution, be discharged from said judgment and execution, and said Caldwell is hereby exonerated and discharged from any liableness on said judgment and execution for any further or other sum therein contained than said £12 1 10 and the cost therein contained &c.

Upon the petition of Silas Dean, against Joseph Forbs, John Lawrence, Roger Newberry, Esq[rs], and Capt. George Pitkin were appointed a committee to hear, examine and report upon said petition, and said commission not having been executed because said Forbs has been gone to sea: Resolved by this Assembly, that John Lawrence, Roger Newberry, Esq[rs], and Capt. George Pitkin be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee, with the same powers and instructions as heretofore given them, to hear and make report upon said petition to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven in October next.

Upon the petition of John Perkins and his children by his late wife Sarah, one of the daughters of John Thomson of Hebron lately deceas'd, shewing that Mary Allyn, of Windsor, had by a suit at law ejected them from about seventy acres of land in said Hebron, supposed to be the estate of said Thomson and so from him descended to his son Otis Thomson and distributed to the said Sarah as such, she being one of the sisters and heirs of the said Otis; also that the said John Perkins had expended large sums in defence of said action brought by the said Mary Allyn &c.; praying for a committee to examine &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed, who have made report, and the same being accepted and approved, and the petitionees have contributed and made up to the said Perkins the several sums by him expended in said action as mentioned in said report &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitionees shall pay such costs as shall be allowed in the prosecution of this petition, and that Samuel Gilbert, Esq[r], Capt. Obadiah Horsford and Capt. Edmund Wells, all of said Hebron, be and they are hereby appointed and fully impowered to distribute anew the estate of the said Otis Thomson to and among the heirs of him the said Otis and their legal representatives: that is to say, all that part thereof that is or has been anyways affected by the recovery of the said Mary Allyn, and make return of their doings therein to the judge of the court of probate for the district of East Haddam, who shall receive and enter the same, and upon his approbation thereof it shall be deemed and remain the only legal distribution of such estate of the said Otis Thomson to and among his said heirs; anything heretofore notwithstanding. *Cost taxed against petitionees as per bill on file is £20 8s. 8d. Ex. granted January 10th*, 1775.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Hartland living on the west side of the river which runs from north to south through said town, preferred to this Assembly

in May last, among other things praying for liberty to erect a meeting-house in that part of said town for the accommodation of the inhabitants living there, and that a committee might be appointed to view their situation &c. and affix a place whereon to build said house; on which a committee was appointed at the adjourned Assembly in January last, who have now made their report, that having viewed the said [347] westerly part of said town and heard all parties || concerned, they then fixed the place for the building said meeting-house upon near the north-east corner of Eleazer Ensign's house lot, about thirteen rods north of his dwelling-house on the west side of the highway, and fixed a stake in the ground, and directed that said meeting-house should be built so that the cell thereof shall inclose said stake; which report is accepted, and the place therein fixed by said committee is hereby approved of and ratified and confirmed for the place where the meeting-house for said inhabitants living on the westerly part of said town of Hartland shall be built, and the same is ordered accordingly.

On the memorial of Jonathan Peters &c., petitionees in a certain petition preferred to this Assembly in May, 1772, by John Perkins &c., on which a committee hath been appointed, who have made their report and the same hath been accepted by this Assembly at their present session, and a bill in form passed thereon, in which is inserted a clause allowing cost to the petitioner, all which hath been obtained by the petitioner without the knowledge of the petitionees, and that in case the same is carried into execution great inconvenience and injustice will be done to the said petitionees; and praying that any further proceedings thereon may be suspended until the rising of this Assembly in October next: Resolved by this Assembly, that all further proceedings on said petition, report of said committee and decree of this Assembly thereon be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, until the rising of this Assembly in October next, and that no execution for cost, &c. be issued.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Quitterfield and others, inhabitants in the first society of Colchester, praying to be made a distinct ecclesiastical society &c., as per memorial on file, and said first society signifying their consent to such grant: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists, *viz.* Jacob Quitterfield, Samuel Kellogg, Israel Kellogg, Benjamin Quitterfield, Eunice Quitterfield, widow, Daniel Isham, Martin Wells, Simeon Wells, Nathaniel Eades, Bildad Waterman, Gideon Chapman, Asahel Newton, Robert Ransom, Amos

Ransom, John Scott, Samuel Tozer, jun^{r}, Arthur Scovill, Israel Newton, John Newton jun^{r}, Daniel Mentor, Abner Chapman, Benjamin Rathburn jun^{r}, Samuel Morgan jun^{r}, Daniel Loomiss, Israel Loomiss, George Dodge, Thomas Dodge, Samuel Loomiss, Jonah Clark, Oliver Brown, Lemuel Fitch, Nathan Culver, William Martin, Samuel Watrous, James McCarty, John Noyes and Gideon Fox, they and their families, be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a distinct ecclesiastical society, with the same privileges, powers and exemptions which other ecclesiastical societies in this Colony by law have and enjoy, so long as they maintain public worship among themselves, and shall be called and known by the name of Antioch. Provided nevertheless, that any of the memorialists or their families or descendants may have liberty at any time hereafter to enter their names with the clerk of the first society of said Colchester, and shall thereafter be deemed to belong to and be members of said first society.

Upon the memorial of Margaret Clark, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Clarke late of the town of East Windsor in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the deceast together with some necessaries set out to the widow surmount the personal estate of the deceas'd the sum of £86 8 4, lawful money, for the payment of which she has nothing in her hands; and further shewing that the whole real estate of the deceast consists of about four acres of land, a house, barns and shop, and that part of said real estate cannot be sold without great loss on the whole; praying for liberty to sell the whole of the real estate of the deceast &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby given her, to make sale of the whole real estate of the deceast mentioned above; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein; she giving good and sufficient security to said court of probate for the paying over to said heirs the surplus of the monies arising by such sale.

Upon the memorial of the society of Orford by their agent, shewing they have agreed to build a new meeting-house for publick worship; praying for a committee to view and affix a place for that purpose &c., as per memorial &c.; and a committee having been appointed thereon, and now reported [348] &c., and said report is accepted and || approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the place whereon to build said house shall be near the middle of the first thirty-rod

highway in said society, westwardly of the old meeting-house, where said committee have set and affixed a stake which shall be included within the cells of said house.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Hastings and others of Suffield, shewing that they were bound to the late Treasurer of this Colony for one Enos Lane, a late collector of the Colony tax in said Suffield; that said bond rested in said Treasurer's hands until many of their co-obligors became insolvent and the said Enos died and also became insolvent &c.; praying for an abatement of interest &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the memorialists paying or securing to be paid, within six months from the rising of this Assembly, the principal sum due from said Lane with the interest thereon from the first day of June, 1774, and the cost arising on said bond, that they be and they are hereby released and discharged from said execution &c.

Upon the memorial of Elijah Wimpey, Solomon Mossuck, Samuel Adams, and the rest of the tribe of Tunxis Indians living in Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that upon the invitation of the Indians of the Six Nations to come up and dwell with them, promising them a sufficiency of lands for them &c., the memorialists propose to remove and pray that Colo. John Strong, Fisher Gay, Esq^{r}, and Mr. Elnathan Gridley, all of Farmington, may be appointed a committee to oversee and direct them in the sale of their lands in this Colony &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Strong, Fisher Gay, Esq^{r}, and Mr. Elnathan Gridley, all of Farmington, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to oversee, direct and inspect the memorialists in the sale of their lands; and all sales of lands made by the memorialists by and with the consent and approbation of said committee, or any two of them, indorsed on said conveyances and signed by said committee, or any two of them, shall be effectual in the law for passing the said Indians' title to said lands to the purchasers: saving always the right of the New Haven tribe of Indians to any of said lands; and such deeds being acknowledged by the grantors and duly recorded may be given in evidence of such title in any court in this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Clark, pastor of the late parish of Kensington, shewing that his temporal interest is affected by the late division of said parish &c.; praying for a compensation to be made him &c., as per memorial &c.; whereupon a committee was appointed to consider and report thereon &c.; and said committee having reported that the

said Samuel hath no right to damages from said societies of Kensington or Worthington &c., which report is accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Clark have and do take nothing by his petition or memorial, and that the said societies be thereof exonerate and discharged.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen and other inhabitants of the town of New London, shewing to this Assembly that whereas said town is in arrear to the Colony treasury in the following sums on the following rates, namely, on the rate in 1770, the sum of £228 11 8, lawful money, in the year 1771, £247 12 8, also in the year 1772, the sum of £159 16 8, lawful money, amounting in the whole to the sum of £636 1 0, lawful money, principal, for which several balances executions have gone out in the name of the Colony Treasurer against said town, which balances are in hands of collectors, and said town are pursuing and taking all reasonable measures to collect the same; praying that said executions may be suspended until the sessions of this Assembly in May next, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Colony Treasurer be directed, and he is hereby ordered and directed, to suspend said executions, and that nothing further be done thereon until the sessions of this Assembly in May next.

[349] Upon the memorial of Charles Burrall and the rest of the selectmen of the town of Canaan in this Colony, shewing to this Assembly that said town, by their agent, Tarball Whitney, specially appointed thereto, gave their bond to the Treasurer of this Colony for the sum of £214 9 9, lawful money, dated November 28th, 1771, and that there hath been paid £48 9 11, lawful money, thereon, being more than the interest on said bond to this time; praying for further time of payment of said bond, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be directed, and he is hereby directed, not to put said bond in suit against said town till after the first day of June, 1775.

Upon the memorial of Phineas Beardslee &c., school-committee of New Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that the listers of said town undercast the list sent to this Assembly in October last, by mistake, the sum of £983 18 3, whereby they lost the benefit of the school money arising on said sum, amounting to £1 19 4; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay out of the publick treasury to the memo-

rialists for the use of the schools in New Fairfield the sum of £1 19 4.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Estabrook and Experience Storrs, shewing to this Assembly that in December, 1770, they gave a bond payable to the Treasurer of the Colony of £232 2 3, lawful money, with interest thereon, for the arrearage of a Colony rate due from the inhabitants of the town of Mansfield; that they having paid £165 12 3 on said bond, there still remaining £66 9 11 due with the interest on said bond, the payment of which depending on the sale of said constable's lands; praying the Treasurer of said Colony may be directed to suspend the putting said bond in suit until the first day of June, 1775: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of said Colony be and he is hereby directed to forbear putting said bond in suit until said first day of June, 1775.

On the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Enfield, representing to this Assembly that the collector of the Colony rate for the year 1772 had failed of making payment to the Treasurer to the amount of £59 17 2¼, lawful money, and that said selectmen had taken the land of said collector for security; praying that execution might be suspended for the space of one year on the said selectmen's giving proper security for the payment of said sum with the lawful interest to the Treasurer of this Colony &c., &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be granted, and it is hereby granted to the said selectmen of Enfield, that on their giving good security to the Treasurer of this Colony for the payment of the sum of £59 17 2¼, with the lawful interest of said sum, the said Treasurer is hereby directed to suspend execution for the space of one year from the date of or until the second Thursday of May, 1775.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Colchester, representing to this Assembly that whereas this Assembly in their sessions in May last granted liberty for said town to set up and have drawn a lottery, and restricted the drawing thereof to the term of one year from the rising of said Assembly, which time is nearly expired, and that they cannot compleat the drawing said lottery within the time limited; praying this Assembly to extend the aforesaid limitation to the 20th day of June next &c., as per memorial on file: This Assembly do grant, and liberty is hereby granted to said town, to extend the compleating the drawing said lottery till the 20th day of June next.

Upon the memorial of Richard Smith &c., preferred to the General Assembly, praying for a highway to be laid out, to depart from the old road between the dwelling-house of Jonathan Merrells of New Hartford and the west bounds of Barkhemsted, from thence by the iron-works of said Richard, and to meet with the old road by the dwelling-house of Joseph Rockwell in Colebrook &c.; Elizur Talcott, William Wells and Daniel Skinner were appointed a committee &c. to lay and stake out said highway, if the same is found by them to be necessary; and said committee report that said highway is necessary, and accordingly surveyed and staked the same out, as particularly described in said report; which [350] report on some || objections made thereto was continued to this Assembly, and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Philip B. Bradley Esq^{rs}, and Capt. Seth Wright were appointed a committee to review said new road &c., who report in favour of said road, and thereupon the report of said Talcott, Wells and Skinner is accepted by this Assembly, as per report on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said new highway, surveyed and described in said report, be and the same is hereby established to be an open publick highway as described in said report, and the same is hereby ordered to be recorded in the town records of the towns of New Hartford, Barkhemsted and Colebrook, and the same shall be the evidence of the same being a publick highway.

Upon the memorial of Solomon Bill, of Midletown in Hartford county, shewing that he is confined in goal in Hartford in said county, pursuant to a sentence of the superior court holden at Hartford by adjournment in December, 1773, there to remain until he pay a fine to the Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut of £20 0 0, lawful money, and the cost of the prosecution before said court, for the crime of uttering and passing base, false and counterfeit money, of which he was convicted; that he is poor and unable to pay anything, and that he is distressed with sickness occasioned by ten months imprisonment, as per petition on file; praying to be released from his confinement &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of the county of Hartford be and he is hereby directed and ordered, to take the said Bill's bond payable to the Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut for said sum of twenty pounds for the fine aforesaid, and also for the whole amount of the cost which hath arisen against said Bill in consequence of said prosecution and imprisonment, and that thereupon said Bill be released from his present confinement and set at liberty.

Upon the memorial of Return Jonathan Meigs, and others of Midletown living within the limits of the second company in the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony, shewing that they with others have formed themselves into an artillery, and have with great pains and expence for two years past endeavoured to advance and improve themselves in military skill and exercises, and praying that they might be made a distinct military company &c., as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That said memorialists be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct military company, distinguished by the name of the company of Light Infantry in the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities that other military companies within this Colony are invested with, and likewise shall do and perform the duties and services by law enjoined on other companies of militia; that they shall be subject to the command of the colonel or other chief officer of said sixth regiment; that said company have liberty by voluntary inlistments out of said second company and the neighbouring companies of militia in said Midletown, to compleat their number to the amount of sixty effective men, rank and file, exclusive of officers; that said company of light infantry shall have power by their major vote to nominate and appoint days and times of meeting for training and military exercise over and above the days and times already limited and appointed by law for that purpose, and to affix and set fines and penalty on such soldiers as shall neglect to attend at such days and times of training and exercise, and the same by warrant from the commission officers of said company to levy and collect: provided such fines and penalties do not exceed the sums by law inflicted for the like offences in the other militia companies in this Colony. And that there shall be a captain, lieutenant and ensign in said company, chosen from time to time as there may be occasion by the major vote of the officers and soldiers of said company present, all the officers and soldiers of said company having first had three days notice to meet for that purpose, who being allowed and established by this Assembly shall be commissioned as the like officers in other militia companies are commissioned. And that the colonel or chief officer of said sixth regiment shall lead them to the choice of their first captain, lieutenant and ensign, and make return of such choice when made to this Assembly for their allowance and approbation.

[351] Whereas upon the memorial of Richard Smith and others preferred to this Assembly in May, 1771, praying that a highway might be laid out, as therein is mentioned and described, and in January, 1774, Messrs. James Wadsworth junr, Esqr, Andrew Ward and Miles Murwin were appointed a committee to view, examine, &c., as per their appointment on file may appear, and said Ward and Murwin not being able to attend said service: 'Tis therefore resolved by this Assembly, that James Wadsworth junr, Esqr, Colo. Philip Burr Bradley and Capt. Seth Wright be and they are hereby appointed a committee with the same powers and instructions as the said former committee had.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Samuel Wyllys, &c., shewing to this Assembly that the guard appointed to wait upon and guard his Honor the Governor &c., upon election days had expended for their decent and comfortable entertainment on past election days seven pounds twelve shillings and five pence, money, in the whole more than the provision made for them by government; also shewing that the sum heretofore ordered for them is not sufficient; praying to be allowed said £7 12 5, and also praying for an addition to be made to the sum heretofore ordered for the purpose aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved and ordered by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay to said Capt. Wyllys for the use of said guard the sum of seven pounds twelve shillings and five pence, money, and that for the future said guard shall be allowed and paid for their expence and entertainment on election days twenty pounds, lawful money, annually for the use of said company, to be divided in manner and proportion as was heretofore ordered in said former grant.

Upon the memorial of Zachery Johnson, Simon Joyjoy and the rest of the tribe of Mohegan Indians, so called, shewing to this Assembly that whereas since the death of their late sachem, Ben Uncas, said tribe have remained in an unsettled state, and that many difficulties and disputes have arisen among them, both with regard to their internal policy and also with regard to the possession and improvement of their lands and the distribution of their rents &c., and that many interlopers from other tribes and straggling Indians and molattoes have crouded themselves in upon said lands, which has occasioned much uneasiness &c.; praying this Assembly to appoint a judicious committee to examine into the matters aforesaid &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jabez Hamlin, Jabez Huntington and Joseph

Spencer, Esq^rs, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the matters aforesaid, and to make their report thereon to this Assembly at their sessions in October next.

On the memorial of Bulier Bulkley of Fairfield, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Bulkley late of said Fairfield, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceased, with a small allowance to the widow, surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceased the sum of £110 15*s.* 10½*d.*; praying for liberty to sell land, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the land or real estate of the deceased Samuel Bulkley as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £110 15 10, lawful money, with the incident charge arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of William Sloan of Redding, shewing to this Assembly that he prosecuted the well known Richard Steel upon a complaint in his own name for a certain burglary until he was committed to Fairfield county goal for tryal in February last, and that he expended £7 7 5 in that prosecution, which has not been allowed to him in the taxing the bill of cost against said Steel; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file, dated 4th May, 1774, appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist shall be allowed out of the publick treasury of this Colony the sum of four pounds, lawful money, for his said expences; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

[352] On the memorial of Samuel Lacy and Deborah Lacy, both of Fairfield, administrators on the estate of Edward Lacy late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges that appear, since the act of this Assembly allowing said administrators liberty to sell the lands of said deceas'd, to be due from said estate and which have been exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield, amount to the sum of £54 14 0, L. money, more than his moveable estate; praying for liberty to sell so much more of the lands of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay the sum aforesaid with the incident charges arising on such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered, to sell so much more of the real estate of Edward Lacy, deceas'd, as shall be sufficient to pay

said sum of £54 14 0, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Wales the third, of Windham in Windham county, conservator of the persons and estates of Joseph Decker and John Decker of said Windham, shewing to this Assembly that the said John and Joseph are indebted to sundry persons in the sum of £31 1 2, lawful money, and that said Deckers have no personal estate to satisfy said debts; praying that the memorialist, or some other person, may be appointed and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said Joseph and John as will raise said sum and the incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Joseph and John as shall be sufficient to pay their respective parts of said sums and the incident charges of said sale, and make return of his doing in the premises to the county court in said Windham county.

On the memorial of Amos Hinman and Betty Hurd, administrators of the estate of Benajah Hurd late of Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £78 14 2; praying for liberty sell land, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered to sell so much of the land or real estate of the said deceas'd Benajah Hurd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £78 14 2, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Ichabod Lewiss and Abigail Mills of Stratford, administrators on the estate of Capt. Treat Mills late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said Capt. Mills, with a small allowance to the widow, surmount the inventoried moveable estate of the said deceased the sum of £453 9 9½; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the deceased Capt. Treat Mills as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £453 9 9½, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale;

taking the directions of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of Abigail Clark and David Clark, executors of the last will of David Clark late of Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £29 19 6; praying for liberty to sell land, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be [353] and they are hereby ‖ impowered to sell so much of the land or real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £29 19 6, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

On the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Somers, by Emery Pease, Esq^{r}, their agent, and of the ecclesiastical society in said Somers constituted by an act of the General Assembly held at New Haven in October, 1771, by their agents Emery Pease and Reuben Sikes, Esq^{rs}, shewing that difficulties have subsisted in said town some years past by reason of their differing opinions concerning ecclesiastical discipline, of which Samuel Reynolds, Esq^{r}, and others by their memorial complained to the General Assembly, and that said Assembly at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1771, on said memorial of said Reynolds and others did enact and decree, that said memorialists and their adherents and such as thereafter should return and unite with them should be the only ecclesiastical society in said Somers with certain powers and privileges, as by the records of said Assembly in October, 1771, appears; and also, that since that time said difficulties and dissentions, by the removal of the Rev^{d} Mr. Ely, are composed, and said town and society are again united in sentiment and worship, and have called and agreed to settle an orthodox minister in the work of the ministry over the whole of said town and society; that doubts have arose, whether said town and society can unite and act as one body whilst said act and decree of the General Assembly in October, 1771, subsists and is in force; praying said act may be repealed &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid act and decree of the General Assembly held at New Haven in October, 1771, passed on the memorial of Samuel Reynolds, Esq^{r}, and others, be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void in every clause and article thereof; and that the acts and doings of said town and society in calling a min-

ister and their agreements with him and other steps thereto relating shall be ratifyed, confirmed and held valid. Provided, that said society shall have power and authority to perfect and finish such matters as they have begun to act upon under said decree, and also to settle and close their accounts that have arisen since said decree was passed and remain unsettled.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Ferris, of New Milford in Litchfield county, administrator on the estate of David Beebe late of said New Milford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. allowed against said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £3 1 5, lawful money, and praying to be impowered to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell real estate of the said deceas'd to raise said sum of £3 1 5, lawful money, with the incident charges of sale; taking directions of the court of probate in the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Moore, Micah Miller and others, subscribers thereunto, shewing that they are settled upon a tract of land lying south of the jurisdiction line between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay, opposite to the town of Westfield on the north and the town of Suffield on the east and south, and the town of Symsbury on the west and south; that said lands are well within the antient bounds of this Colony, and ought to be so owned and acknowledged; praying to be annexed &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that all the inhabitants living on said lands south of the line fixed by the Massachusets charter are within and have right to all the privileges of this Colony; and that all the said lands with the said inhabitants thereon, *viz.* that part thereof bounding east and south upon the said town of Suffield, shall and the same are hereby annexed to the said town of Suffield, and to the west or second society in said town of Suffield; and that such part of said lands and the inhabitants thereon that are situate and bound south and west upon the said town of Symsbury shall and the same are hereby annexed to the said town of Symsbury, and to the society of Salmon Brook in said town of Symsbury; and that they shall all be entituled to the same privileges within the same that the other inhabitants in the rest of the towns and societies in the Colony have and do enjoy by law.

Upon the memorial of George Gorham of Derby, shewing to this Assembly that the ferry across Stratford River at a place called the Narrows, at the southerly end of the township of said Derby, is much used by travellers and beneficial [354] to the || publick, and that John Stevens that lately kept said ferry is dead, and no person by law having any right to keep the same; praying for liberty to keep said ferry, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said George Gorham have liberty to keep said ferry during the pleasure of this Assembly, he taking the usual and customary fees therefor as stated by law.

Upon the memorial of Peter Johnson, of Derby in the county of New Haven, conservator over the person and estate of Timothy Johnson of said Derby, shewing to this Assembly that having exhibited to the county court, held at New Haven in said county on the first Tuesday of April last, an inventory of the improvements of the estate of said Timothy and also of the debts due from the said Timothy, and on the adjustment of said accounts there remains a balance due from the estate of the said Timothy to the amount of £127 17 6, lawful money; praying liberty to sell the lands of said Timothy to raise said sum &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Peter Johnson have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the lands of the said Timothy Johnson as to raise said sum of £127 17 6, lawful money, and the incident charges thereon arising.

Upon the memorial of William Morgan of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that he gave bond to the Colony Treasurer for the arrears due to the Colony from Oliver Woodbridge, collector of the Colony rate for the town of Groton in the year 1762, and that he has paid the greatest part of the sums due; praying for further time to pay the balance: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Colony Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to forbear putting said bond in suit until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the memorial of Mathew Talcott and Richard Alsop, executors on the last will and testament of Abner Ely late of Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate exhibited and allowed amounteth to the sum of £133 3 2¾ more than all the moveable estate of said deceas'd, and praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mathew Talcott and Richard Alsop have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the lands of the said Abner Ely, deceas'd, as to

make the sum of £133 3 2¾, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Fish and others, against the first society of Stonington, a committee have been appointed and have made report, and it appearing that the authority and power given said committee was not sufficiently extensive to enable them in the best manner to answer the ends of said appointment, and on motion of the petitionees said report is set aside: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that William Hillhouse, Robert Crary and Samuel Stewart, Esq[rs], the former committee, be and they are hereby reappointed a committee, and are hereby fully impowered to enquire into all the matters alledg'd in said petition, and to take into consideration the present state of said society, and whether a division of said society be proper, and if so found in what manner; also the state of the inhabitants at the point and harbour, and consider whether it be proper for them to have a place allowed for divine service, and to assign a place for building if thought necessary; and to take into consideration the whole state and circumstances of said society since and before the union, and the several votes and agreements of said society and the parts thereof before and since the union and the several votes of said society since the union and the two former societies before the union, so far as regards the Rev[d] Mr. Eells their pastor, the conduct and votes of said society since the union, so far as regards the [355] || peace and welfare of said society, and to call before them any person or persons which said committee shall find necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and in general, to enquire into and report make of everything they shall find for the best good of the society or any part thereof; and of what they find with their opinion to report to the next Assembly.

Upon the memorial of John Allen jun[r] of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that the ferry across New London River at a place called Hurlburt's Ferry has long been neglected by those to whom the former grants have been made, and the owners of the lands there and who have formerly tended said ferry are removed; praying liberty to set up a ferry there &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to keep a ferry across said river at the place abovementioned during the pleasure of this Assembly, under the same orders and regulations as other ferries by law are under;

taking the fare for travellers as is already provided by law for passing said ferry.

Upon the memorial of Aaron Pease of Enfield, collector of the Colony tax in said town in the year 1758, shewing to this Assembly that execution hath been issued against him by the Treasurer for the sum of £4 13 9, lawful money, supposed to be still due on said rate, which the memorialist hath fully paid and is able to evince to this Assembly, and praying for relief, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Aaron Pease be exonerated and fully discharged from the said sum of four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, lawful money; and the Treasurer of the Colony is hereby directed to credit the memorialist said sum.

Upon the memorial of Rebeccah Jennings of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that her late husband Ebenezer Jennings, late of Fairfield, deceas'd, in and by his last will and testament, dated 8th June, 1763, ordered and directed that his said wife might and should from time to time sell and dispose of so much of his real estate as should be necessary for her comfortable support, with the allowance and approbation of the Rev^{d} Mr. Noah Hobart, then in full life, and that said Mr. Hobart after the death of said Ebenezer refused to accept said trust, and that Theophilus Nichols, Esq^{r}, at the General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1769, was appointed and impowered to execute and perform the trust in said will committed to said Mr. Hobart, and that since that time both the said Mr. Hobart and said Theophilus Nichols, Esq^{r}, are dead; praying that some proper person may be appointed to execute said trust, &c., as per memorial on file, dated second May, 1774, appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Adams of Stratford, Esq^{r}, be and he is hereby appointed, fully authorized and impowered, to execute, perform and fulfill the trust and authority in said will at first given and devised to said Mr. Noah Hobart, in as full and ample manner as the said Mr. Hobart might or could have done before his said refusal; and that any deed or deeds that shall be executed by said Adams and the memorialist for transferring and conveying any of the real estate of said deceased Ebenezer Jennings shall be good and effectual in the law as they would or could have been if executed by the memorialist and said Mr. Hobart in his life time; he, the said Adams, and the memorialist taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield in any such sale or transfer.

Upon the memorial of Phineas Bradley of New Haven, conservator of the person and estate of Ephraim Morriss, representing that the debts due from the estate of said Morriss and the charge of supporting him the two years past amounted to £81 12 7, and that the moveable estate and improvement of the real estate amounted unto the sum of £42 0 6, so that there remains due £39 12 1; praying for liberty to sell of the real estate of said Morriss sufficient to pay said sum of £39 12 1, as per the memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £39 12 1, together with the incident charge of such sale, and make return of his doings to the county court in the county of New Haven.

[356] Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Atwater, administratrix upon the estate of James Atwater late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £27 4 2; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £27 4 2, lawful money, together with the incident charge of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Beard of Stratford, conservator over the person and estate of Joseph Tomlinson of said Stratford, representing to this Assembly that having exhibited to the county court in said Fairfield, April last, an inventory of the estate of the said Tomlinson, and also an account of the debts due from the said Joseph Tomlinson, and the same being adjusted by said county court there remains due from said Tomlinson, over and above the moveable estate of the said Tomlinson, the sum of £283 17 3, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much land of the said Tomlinson as to raise said sum &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Beard and Stephen Tomlinson have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Joseph Tomlinson as to raise said sum of £283 17 3, lawful money, together with the incident charges thereon arising.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that the selectmen of said Norwich are indebted to the Treasurer of this Colony by bond and are in a way to discharge the same without much delay; praying that the Treasurer may be ordered to forbear putting said bond in suit till the first day of June 1775, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said bond shall not be put in suit until the first day of June 1775; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to forbear putting said bond in suit till that time accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Anne Montague of Weathersfield, administratrix on the estate of John Montague late of said Weathersfield, shewing that the debts and charges allowed against said estate surmount the moveable estate the sum of £53 17 9, lawful money, and praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. John Robbins of said Weathersfield have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said Robbins, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the aforesaid sum with incident charges of sale, and to pay said sum when received to said Anne, to be applied to the payment of the debts of said deceas'd; taking the direction of the judge of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of John Edgerton jun^{r}, of Norwich in New London county, administrator on the estate of Peter Edgerton late of said Norwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £29 19 8, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrator be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said Peter Edgerton, deceas'd, as to raise said sum of £29 19 8, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Norwich therein.

[357] On the memorial of James Hazleton, of Haddam in the county of Hartford, executor on the last will and testament of Elizabeth Clark late of Haddam, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of the estate £38 17 2½, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell land for payment thereof, there being no provision made by said testator for that purpose, as

per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £38 17 2½, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Midletown therein; and to pass deed or deeds accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Yale, administrator on the estate of Solomon Yale, late of Harwington in the district of Litchfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly, that the debts exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for said district, including a small allowance to the widow &c., surmount the moveable inventoried estate of said deceas'd £38 10 10; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to satisfy said debts &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise said sum of £38 10 10, money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Martha Reynolds of Somers, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Reynolds, Esq^{r}, late of said Somers, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that said Samuel owned about one acre and three quarters of land lying in common and undivided with lands belonging to the heirs of Jacob Kibbee late of said Somers, deceas'd, which whole tract is bounded east by Scantic River, southerly on William Wallis's land, west on the highway leading to Thomas Purchase's house, and northerly on Silas Blodget's land, and extending eastwardly to said Scantic River, and had sold said land to Daniel Wood jun^{r} and agreed to give a deed thereof, and had received the purchase monies &c., but died before a deed was made; praying to be impowered to give a deed &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered, to execute a deed of said Samuel deceas'd his right in said lands to said Wood: and such deed so executed shall be as effectual to the purposes of conveying the title of said lands to said Wood as if said Samuel had executed a deed thereof in his life time.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Hurlbut of Canaan, shewing to this Assembly that he being a collector of the Colony rate for said town of Canaan in the year 1764, did in due season for want of estate commit to the keeper of the goal in Litchfield one Benjamin Phelps of said town, whose proportion of

assessment was £3 3 10, lawful money, and his just and lawful fees thereon £1 5 0, like money; praying this Assembly to order and direct the Treasurer of the Colony to enter to his credit the aforesaid sums, being £4 8 10 in the whole: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Treasurer be directed, and he is hereby directed, to credit the said Hurlburt on the rate aforementioned the said sum of £4 8 10, lawful money, as paid in due season.

Upon the memorial of Orchard Guy, of Branford in New Haven county, executor of the last will of Orchard Guy late of said Branford, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount his moveable estate £226 18 7, lawful money, for payment whereof no provision is made in said last will; praying for liberty to sell lands: Resolved, that the memorialist have liberty, and the same is hereby granted him, to sell lands of the said deceased to the amount of said sum of £226 18 7, lawful money, and the incident charges; taking the direction of the judge of probate in the district of Guilford; and said memorialist is hereby impowered and authorized to make deeds of conveyance thereof.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Sabin and others, inhabitants of the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingly, in the county of Windham, shewing that with great pains, trouble and expence, some of the inhabitants of said towns have endeavoured to improve themselves in military skill and exercises, and praying that a company of Grenadiers be constituted and erected &c., as per memorial on file,

[358] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That || there be and there is hereby constituted, erected and made, a distinct military company of grenadiers, to be formed out of the inhabitants of said three towns and to consist of sixty effective men, rank and file, exclusive of officers, and shall be distinguished by the name of the Company of Grenadiers in the eleventh regiment of militia in this Colony, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities that other military companies within this Colony are invested with, and likewise shall do and perform the duties and services by law enjoined on other companies of militia. That they shall be subject to the command of the colonel or other chief officer of said eleventh regiment. That said company have liberty to be formed by voluntary inlistments out of the several companies of militia in said three towns, to compleat their number to sixty effective men, rank and file, exclusive of officers. That said company of grenadiers have liberty by

their major vote to nominate their officers and appoint their days and times and places of meeting for military exercises over and above those already by law ordered, and be subject to the same penalties for non-attendance on military exercises or any breach of duty as other soldiers and companies of militia in the Colony are by law liable unto. That there shall be a captain, lieutenant and ensign in said company, chosen from time to time as there may be occasion by the vote of the officers and soldiers of said company present, all the officers and soldiers of said company having first had three days notice to meet for that purpose, who being allowed and established by this Assembly shall be commissioned as the officers of other military companies are commissioned; and the colonel or other chief officer of said regiment is hereby impowered and directed, by himself or such officer as he shall appoint, to lead said company to the choice of their officers on their being first formed and inlisted.

An Act for the Naturalization of Francis Forgue, for confirming the Purchases of Real Estate by him made and rendering his Issue capable of inheriting.

Whereas Francis Forgue, a native of Toulouse in the Kingdom of France, now of Fairfield, hath by his petition preferred to this Assembly prayed to be admitted to the privileges of his Majesty's subjects within this Colony, and that his son Francis Forgue jun^{r}, born in this Colony, may be made capable of inheriting, and the real estate by him the said Francis the elder already purchased may be confirmed to him, notwithstanding his being born out of the allegiance of the King of Great Britain as aforesaid: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That he, the said Francis Forgue, having taken the oaths of allegiance, supremacy and the abjuration by law appointed, be, and he is hereby declared to be, naturalized and entituled to all the privileges, immunities and advantages of his Majesty's English subjects born within this Colony, as fully and effectually to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as though he, the said Francis Forgue, had been born within the dominions of and subject to the King of Great Britain, excepting only such privileges and immunities as by law are not competent to foreigners who have been or are naturalized.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Francis Forgue jun^{r} shall be and he is hereby declared to be, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as capable of inheriting and taking by descent or

purchase all and any real estate or estates whatsoever as he might, could or would have been had the said Francis the elder been compleatly naturalized as aforesaid before the birth of the said Francis the younger. And the rent, estate or estates by the said Francis the elder already purchased are hereby confirmed to him, his heirs and assigns, and declared to be as effectual and valid, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as though he, the said Francis, had been so as aforesaid naturalized before the making and acquiring the same as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Lodowick Hotchkiss, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, conservator of the person and estate of Daniel Kilborn of said Farmington, shewing to this Assembly that the said Daniel is indebted to sundry persons in the sum of £37 15 6, lawful money, and that the said Daniel has not personal estate to satisfy said debts; praying [359] that the ‖ memorialist, or some other person, may be appointed and impowered to sell so much or all of the estate of the said Daniel as will pay said sums and the incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Daniel as shall be sufficient to pay said debts and the incident charges of said sales, and make his return of his doings in the premises to the county court in said Hartford county.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Noble and Sarah Noble, executors on the last will and testament of John Noble late of New Milford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate exhibited and allowed amounteth to the sum of £32 13 11, and that all the moveable estate is given away in specifick legacies, and praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Thomas Noble have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the lands of the said John Noble, deceas'd, as to make said sum of £32 13 11, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Mott, Esq^{r}, executor to the last will and testament of Samuel Treat late of Preston, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts, funeral charges and charges of executorship due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate £74 1 11, lawful

money, and that there is legacies ordered to be paid in money by said will which amount to £133 10 3¾, lawful money, both which sums amount to £207 12 3¾, lawful money; praying for liberty (after the sons part of said estate is set off to each of them according to the apprizement in the inventory,) to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to the aforesaid sum of £207 12 3¾, lawful money, with incident charges &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Samuel Mott, Esq^r, after the parts belonging to the sons of said deceas'd are set off as aforesaid, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to the aforesaid sum of £207 12 3¾, lawful money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

Upon the memorial of Noah Woodruff of Farmington, conservator of the person and estate of David Woodruff of said Farmington, representing to this Assembly that before the county court held at Hartford within and for the county of Hartford on the second Tuesday of April, 1774, he exhibited an account of his conservatorship, which account being allowed by said county court there remained a balance due said conservator upon the aforesaid account to the amount of £52 14 3, lawful money, and that said conservator has nothing in his hands to satisfy said balance; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 14th day of May, 1774: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and licence is hereby given to him, to sell so much of said David's real estate as will raise the said sum of £52 14 3, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon.

Upon the memorial of Henry Tomlinson of Derby, administrator to the estate of Samuel Tomlinson late of said Derby, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the said estate surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £48 14 7, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said Samuel Tomlinson deceas'd as shall raise said sum &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Henry Tomlinson have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Samuel Tomlinson deceas'd as shall raise the said sum of £58 14 7, lawful money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Brooker and Tabitha Selleck, both of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrators on the estate of Silvanus Selleck late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from said estate surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £161 0 0, L. money; praying to be impowered to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Brooker be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may be necessary to raise said sum with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

[360] Upon the memorial of Jesse Denniss, of Greenwich in Fairfield county in said Colony, administrator on the estate of Obadiah Denniss late of said Greenwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts allowed against said estate amount to the sum of £47 17 4, lawful money, and that said estate is all real estate; praying to be impowered to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum with the incident charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Deodate Hait, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of William Hait late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. allowed against said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £19 19 9*d*. lawful money, and praying to be impowered to sell land &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £19 19 9, lawful money, with the incident charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Griswold, of Guilford in the county of New Haven, administrator on the estate of Joseph Griswold late of said Killingworth, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd and the real estate sold by order of Assembly the sum of £35 15 11; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate as to pay the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and

authority is hereby given him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum with the incident charges thereon arising; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Aaron Kelcy, of Killingworth in the county of New London, in behalf of Martha Kelcy, administratrix on the estate of Jonah Kelcy late of said Killingworth, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges of said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd and real estate sold by order of this Assembly the sum of £80 15 2, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay the same with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Steel, of Woodbury in Litchfield county, representing to this Assembly that in the year 1772 he lost his pocket-book in plowed land with two twenty-shilling bills of this Colony, proc. money, amounting to the sum of fifty shillings, lawful money, and that afterwards said book was there found with said money so mouldered that it was wholly lost; praying for due relief in the premises: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay out of the Colony treasury the sum of fifty shillings, proclamation money, in bills of this Colony, for which this shall be his sufficient warrant, unto the said Elisha Steel.

Upon the memorial of James Gordon, agent of the town of Voluntown, shewing to this Assembly that he is indebted to the Treasurer of this Colony by bond on interest, and is in a way to make payment of the same without needless delay; praying forbearance &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that forbearance be given to said Gordon on said bond; and said Treasurer is hereby directed not to put said bond in suit before the first day of June, 1775.

[361] Upon the memorial of Othniel Seley, of Newtown in the county of Fairfield, administrator on the estate of Robert Seley late of said Newtown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of

probate for the district of Danbury, together with a small allowance made to the widow by the said probate court, surmount the personal estate the sum of £10 7 1, for the payment of which the said administrator hath nothing in his hands of the personal estate of the deceas'd; praying this Assembly to grant liberty to him, the said Othniel Seley, or some other meet person, to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as to raise the sum of £10 7 1, together with the incident charges of sale arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Othniel Seeley of Newtown be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said Robert Seeley, deceas'd, as will raise the said sum of £10 7 1, lawful money, with the incident charges of sale arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

On the memorial of Moses Barnerd and Medad Hunt, administrators on the estate of Aaron Barnerd late of Tolland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that a farther account of debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford against the estate of the said deceas'd to the amount of £6 2 8, L. money, for the payment of which sum they have nothing in their hands; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrators have liberty and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much more of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the aforesaid sum of £6 2 8, L. money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

On the memorial of Joseph Johnson, a Mohegan Indian, shewing to this Assembly that he has been at considerable expence in making the necessary preparations for the removal of sundry tribes of Indians out of this Colony, in which undertaking he has the countenance and encouragement of Sir William Johnson and others; praying this Assembly to grant him such sum of money out of the Colony treasury as they shall think fit, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Joseph Johnson shall have six pounds allowed him out of the treasury of this Colony, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the first society in Stafford, shewing that their present meeting-house is become old and ruinous, and not fit to repair; that they had voted and agreed to build a new house for divine worship in said society; pray-

ing for a committee to view and affix a stake where they should build the same &c., as per memorial &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed, and have now reported it as their opinion that it is not advisable to repair said old house, but to build a new one, and have proceeded and affixed a place and pitched a stake for that purpose about four rods east of the south-east corner of Josiah Converse's home-lot, and said report being now approved and accepted &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the place where said committee have set said stake shall be the place for the building of said new meeting-house in said society: said stake to be inclosed within the sills of said house.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Spencer and Ebenezer Spencer of Somers, and Zachariah Allyn, of East Windsor in the county of Hartford, shewing that they are united with and constantly do attend publick worship in the second society in Enfield under the pastoral care of Mr. Nathaniel Collins, and contribute to his support &c.; praying to be annexed to said society and exempted from paying to the societies within which they now are, either for building of meeting-houses or support of the ministry within the same &c.; as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby annexed to said second society in Enfield, and that they shall be subjected to all such charges both for the support of the ministry and for building of meeting-houses within the same that by law the rest of said second society are liable to, and that they and their estates be also exempted from paying any and all such [362] charges as are or ‖ shall be laid upon them by either of the societies within which they hitherto are or have belonged, for the support of the ministry or building of meeting-houses within the same.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Bradford of Canterbury, shewing to this Assembly that on auditing the accounts of the late Treasurer Talcott he was found in arrear to said Treasurer as the memorialist had been a collector of Colony taxes, which arrearage the memorialist supposeth to happen by mistake and settling with said Treasurer Talcott, and that an execution lieth against the memorialist for the same &c.; praying forbearance of the same upon good security &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that one years forbearance shall be and the same is hereby given to said Bradford on his well-securing the sum of said execution and all the lawful interest and cost thereon arisen, to be paid to the Treasurer by the first day of June, 1775, and interest

till paid; and said Treasurer is hereby directed to take such security for the same as shall be recommended by the selectmen of said Canterbury to be safe.

Upon the memorial of John Leffingwell, administrator on the estate of Capt. John Leffingwell late of Norwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the inventoried personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £210 5 0¼; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise a sum sufficient to pay the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said John Leffingwell have liberty, and authority is hereby given to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise a sum sufficient to pay the said £210 5 0, L. money, and the incident charges arising thereon; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Norwich therein.

On the memorial of Joseph Button, administrator on the estate of Peter Button jun^{r}, late of New London, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £13 4 4, L. money, and that he has nothing in his hands to pay said sum; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administratrix [*sic*] have liberty, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £13 4 4, lawful money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of John Camp of Fairfield, representing to this Assembly that in the year 1768, he being keeper of the goal in the county of Fairfield under the sheriff of said county and then resident with his family in the house adjoining said goal, one Isaac Fraser, being in custody in said goal for burglary, set fire to said goal, whereby the same and the house in which he lived and the greatest part of his household furniture and wearing apparel were consumed, and the memorialist and his family reduced to the utmost poverty and distress &c.; praying for the interposition and relief of this Hon^{ble} Assembly &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that upon the representations aforesaid there be granted, and there is hereby granted, to the said memorialist the sum of thirty pounds, to be paid out of the Colony treasury; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the same to the memorialist accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Eleazer Huntington, conservator of the person and estate of Mr. Jonathan Curtiss, shewing to this Assembly that the said Jonathan is indebted to sundry persons in the sum of £12 7 10, lawful money, which accounts have been allowed and settled by the county court in Windham county, and that said Jonathan hath no personal estate to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell said Jonathan's lands to the amount of said debts and the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Jonathan as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £12 7 10 and the incident charges of said sale, and make return of his doings in the premises to the county court in said Windham county.

[363] The Sums Total of the Additions (single and fourfold) to the Lists of the several Towns in this Colony sent in to this Assembly are as follow, viz:

	Single.	*Fourfold.*
Hartford,	£984 6 0	£0 0 0
Chatham,	712 15 0	192 16 0
Willington,	59 8 0	0 0 0
East Windsor,	409 15 6	0 0 0
Hebron,	215 10 0	0 0 0
Colchester,	415 11 0	1471 14 0
East Hadam,	438 0 0	0 0 0
Somers,	115 5 0	0 0 0
Bolton,	165 1 0	48 4 0
Tolland,	310 16 0	0 0 0
Windsor,	405 2 6	257 4 0
Suffield,	94 9 0	0 0 0
Glastonbury,	241 2 0	0 0 0
Midletown,	1002 3 9	0 0 0
Farmington,	1401 4 0	1464 18 0
Enfield,	117 5 0	0 0 0
Haddam,	975 14 3	11 0 0
Symsbury,	319 8 0	0 0 0
New Haven,	2126 10 9	0 0 0
Derby,	72 18 0	0 0 0
Durham,	128 0 0	151 6 8
Milford,	514 0 3	260 4 0
Guilford,	0 0 0	298 14 0
Waterbury,	725 11 10	384 8 0
Wallingford,	981 10 4	422 4 0
Norwich,	716 12 9	783 8 0
Groton,	855 18 0	932 8 0
Preston,	73 12 0	173 4 0

Stonington,	£527	12	0		-		£79	14	0
Killingworth,	130	0	1	-		-	86	8	0
Fairfield,	688	13	1		-		379	2	0
Stamford,	127	13	6	-		-	500	12	6
Newtown,	471	10	9		-		0	0	0
Danbury,	186	7	4	-		-	530	9	2
Redding,	143	13	6		-		258	4	0
Norwalk,	597	12	9	-		-	0	0	0
Stratford,	1061	16	7		-		0	0	0
Greenwich,	786	0	3	-		-	0	0	0
Windham,	1046	12	3		-		467	4	0
Coventry,	330	14	0	-		-	172	0	0
Lebanon,	669	3	0		-		585	4	0
Ashford,	109	8	6	-		-	72	16	0
Mansfield,	585	6	0		-		96	14	0
Voluntown,	83	12	0	-		-	0	0	0
Killingley,	700	0	0		-		0	0	0
Canterbury,	663	12	6				12	8	0
Plainfield,	216	16	0		-		0	0	0
Litchfield,	597	15	6	-		-	6	0	0
Sharon,	684	1	0		-		314	16	0
Kent,	861	9	6			-	0	0	0
Cornwall,	270	2	0		-		437	16	0
New Milford,	87	18	0	-		-	164	0	0
Goshen,	357	6	0		-		0	0	0
Torrington,	135	5	0	-		-	0	0	0
Salisbury,	368	10	6		-		0	0	0
New Hartford,	0	0	0				33	8	0

Upon the memorial of Nancy Mitchell, now confined in Litchfield county goal, representing to this Assembly that she is now confined in said goal for the non-payment of costs arisen against her on account of a prosecution at the suit of the King against her before the superior court holden at Litchfield in Litchfield county upon the last Tuesday save two of February last, on which prosecution she was found not guilty upon the indictment for the manslaughter of one Henry McAuley, and that her poverty incapacitates her to pay said costs, and praying for the merciful interposition of this Assembly in the premises, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sheriff of Litchfield county use his endeavours to dispose of the memorialist in service for the payment of said costs; and if that cannot be done, he is impowered and ordered to take the memorialist's own note of hand for the whole of said costs taxed by said superior court against her, and also for the costs arisen by means of

her detention in said goal since her said tryal, and that shall thereon arise before her release out of prison, payable to the Treasurer of Connecticut Colony in three months from the date thereof, and thereupon discharge her from said goal.

[364] Upon the memorial of Jonathan Avery of Norwich and his son Jonathan Avery jun^{r}, shewing to this Assembly that the said Jonathan jun^{r} was, in the year 1772, concerned in passing some base and counterfeit coin, and thereupon escaped and fled from prosecution and lives in exile; praying for pardon and liberty to return to his native place and to his friends in safety, without prosecution for his crime aforesaid, upon his becoming bound to his good behaviour &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jonathan Avery jun^{r} may return and dwell in safety within this Colony as to any prosecution for his crime aforesaid, upon his paying to the Treasurer of this Colony all lawful cost that hath already arisen on a prosecution which was begun against said Jonathan jun^{r} for said crime before his escape, and also become bound with one or more good and sufficient sureties to the Treasurer of this Colony in a recognizance of £200 0 0, lawful money, that he, the said Jonathan jun^{r}, shall behave himself in a good and peaceable manner, and especially keep and observe all the statutes of this Colony that are or shall be made and provided against making, uttering or passing any counterfeit bills or coin whatsoever, which bond shall be forfeit and paid to said Treasurer in case of failure of said Jonathan jun^{r} therein; and Jabez Huntington of said Norwich, Esq^{r}, as he is one of his Majesty's Assistants for this Colony, is hereby authorized and impowered to accept such surety, and take such bond as aforesaid and record the same in his office, which being duly done the said Jonathan Avery jun^{r} is released from any further prosecution for his crime aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Brown, of Windham, and Thomas Brown, administrators on the estate of Mr. Thomas Brown late of said Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said deceas'd exhibited to the judge of probate for the district of Windham and by him allowed surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £198 11 4, lawful money, for the payment of which said administrators have nothing in their hands; praying that some proper person may be appointed and impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said

Thomas Brown have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £198 11 4 and the incident charges of said sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

On the memorial of Return Strong, administrator on the estate of Reuben Miller late of Windsor, deceas'd, for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd, to discharge the debts due from said estate to the amount of £32 12 4½, lawful money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £32 12 4½, lawful money, with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

On the petition of Elisha Webster, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, against Jonathan Robbins, of Weathersfield in the county aforesaid, dated September 1st, 1772, as on file, by continuances &c. lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered on the part of the respondent in abatement of this petition are sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

[365] On the petition of Anne Mix, of Hartford in the county of Hartford, executrix of the last will and testament of Ebenezer Mix late of said Hartford, deceas'd, against John Eliott, formerly of New Haven in the county of New Haven, late of Spencer in the county of Worcester and Province of the Massachusets Bay, now of Midletown in the county of Hartford, dated April 23d, 1774, as on file: The question was put, whether the superior court in proceeding to and rendering the judgment referred to in said petition manifestly erred, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

On the petition of Jonathan Robbins, of Weathersfield in the county of Hartford, against Jonathan Roberts, of Hartford in the county aforesaid, dated May 5th, 1773, as on file, by continuance &c. lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition is sufficient to abate the same: Resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Samuel Wolcott, Josiah Robbins and others named in said petition, inhabitants within the second

school district in the town of Weathersfield in the county of Hartford, in the first society in said town, and of Josiah Belding, Ozias Griswold and others named in said petition, inhabitants within the first school district in said first society in said town, against Elisha Williams, Esq^{r}, one of the principal inhabitants of the south school district, and Oliver Wells, one of the principal inhabitants of the north school district, both within the first society in said town of Weathersfield, and the rest of the inhabitants within said district, dated September 30th, 1772, as on file, by continuance &c. lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether anything should be granted on said petition, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

On the petition of Mary Thrall, Timothy Thrall and William Thrall, of Windsor in the county of Hartford, and James Cornish and Hannah his wife, of Symsbury in said county, the said Hannah being the former wife of William Thrall late of said Windsor, deceas'd, against Odiah Loomiss and Jane his wife, of said Windsor, Isaac Wyman and Sarah his wife, of Keine in the Province of New Hamshire, Samuel Wells, John Wells and Elijah Wells, of Deerfield in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, Thomas Wells of said Keine, lately of said Windsor, Aaron Phelps and Susannah his wife, of said Windsor, dated May 5th, 1773, as on file, by continuance &c. lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same, and resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative.

On the petition of Ralph Isaacs, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, against Jesse Leavensworth, of New Haven in said county, dated December 9th, 1773, as on file: The question was put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same, and resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondent is* £1 14 8. *Ex. granted June 3d*, 1774.

On the petition of Daniel Payne jun^{r}, of Woodstock in the county of Windham, against Nathan Utley, late inhabitant of Ashford in said county now absent and absconded, dated September 24th, 1772, as on file, by continuance &c. lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the pleas offered in abatement of said petition are sufficient to abate the same, and resolved by this Assembly in the affirmative. *Cost allowed respondent* is £3 19 0. *Ex. granted June 3d*, 1774.

Cost allowed James Rice, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, for attendance &c. to answer a certain petition preferred against him by Joseph Trowbridge jun^{r}, of New Haven aforesaid, and now withdrawn by Amos Botsford, Esq^{r}, attorney to the petitioner, is £3 2 10, L. money. *Ex. granted June 3d*, 1774.

On the petition of Mathew Baldwin, of Milford in the county of New Haven, against Thomas Darling, Esq^{r}, and others named in said petition, dated April 12th, 1774, as on file: The question was put, whether the prayer of this petition should be granted, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

On the petition of Odiah Loomiss and Jane his wife, both of Windsor in the county of Hartford, Isaac Wyman and Sarah his wife, both of Kein in the Province of New Hamshire, Samuel Wells, John Wells and Elijah Wells, all of Deerfield in the county of Hamshire and Province of the Massachusets Bay, Thomas Wells, late of Windsor aforesaid, now of Kein in the Province of New Hamshire, and Aaron Phelps and Susannah his wife, both of Windsor in the county of Hartford, which said Sarah Wyman, Samuel, John, Elijah and Thomas Wells, and Susannah Phelps, are the only children and heirs of Sarah Metcalf, late of said Keen, deceas'd, which said Sarah deceas'd and Jane Loomiss aforesaid [366] || were the next of kin and only heirs and legal representatives of John Cook late of said Windsor, deceas'd, against James Cornish and Hannah his wife, both of Symsbury in the county of Hartford, Mary Thrall, Timothy Thrall and William Thrall, all of Windsor aforesaid; dated September 28th, 1772, as on file, by continuance &c. lying before this Assembly: The question was now put, whether the prayer of said petition should be granted, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Hon^{ble} Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, Treasurer of this Colony, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, for his salary the year past.

This Assembly grants to George Wyllys, Esq^{r}, the sum of twenty pounds, for his salary the year past.

This Assembly grants to Capt. Titus Hurlbut of New London, three pounds, the usual grant to him for taking care of the government stores, cannon &c., at the battery in New London, hoisting the flag &c., the year past.

This Assembly grants to the President and Fellows of Yale College in New Haven the sum of one hundred and seven pounds seven shillings and six pence, being the balance due from the college in October last as appears by their accounts then exhibited to this Assembly; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same to the treasurer of said college out of the treasury of this Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed to pay out of the Colony treasury, to

Josiah Bissell, Esq^{r},	£32	7	1
to Capt. Jonathan Humphry,	37	17	5
to Erastus Wolcott, Esq ,	0	16	0
to Daniel Wilcox,	24	3	8
to Capt. John Viets,	29	5	10

in full for their several accounts for expences in repairing Newgate Prison and supporting the prisoners there, as the accounts are liquidated and adjusted by auditors and returned and accepted by this Assembly.

Resolved, That all petitions, memorials and reports of committees, and all other matters and things now lying undetermined before this Assembly, be and they are hereby continued to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next for consideration.

Upon the petition of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, of New London, against Philip Livingston, Esq^{r}, &c., brought to this Assembly in May, 1772, praying for an act of insolvency in his favour, and upon the report of a committee on said petition now lying before this Assembly relative to said Saltonstall's circumstances &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of the petition and report aforesaid be referred to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven in || October next, and that the person and estate of the petitioner be freed and secured from arrests and imprisonment for any debts due before the date of said petition, until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

This Assembly was adjourned by proclamation &c. until the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secret'ry.*

[From the *Journal of the Continental Congress*, Vol. I.]

In the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut, June 3, 1774.

Whereas a Congress of Commissioners from the several British Colonies in America is proposed by some of our neighboring Colonies, and thought necessary: And whereas it may be found expedient that such Congress should be convened before the next session of this Assembly,

Resolved by this House, That the Committee of Correspondence be, and they are hereby, empowered, on application to them made or from time to time as may be found necessary, to appoint a suitable number to attend such Congress or Convention of Commissioners or Committee of the several Colonies in British America, and the persons thus chosen shall be and they are hereby directed in behalf of this Colony, to attend such Congress, to consult and advise on proper measures for advancing the best good of the Colonies, and such conferences from time to time to report to this House.*

A true extract and copy from the Journal of the House,

Attest. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Clerk.

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* The Committee of Correspondence met at New London July 13th, 1774, and nominated Eliphalet Dyer, William Samuel Johnson, Erastus Wolcott, Silas Deane and Richard Law, Esq^rs, either three of whom were authorized to attend the Congress proposed to be held at Philadelphia. "About four o'clock p. m. the gentlemen committee declared to the expecting people their choice, upon which a royal salute was fired from our battery, and also a salute from the shipping in the harbor." Messrs. Johnson, Wolcott and Law having signified their inability to attend, the Committee, August 3d, added to the nomination Roger Sherman and Joseph Trumbull, either of whom, with Messrs. Dyer and Deane, were impowered to attend in behalf of the Colony.

American Archives, I. 554, 895.

[369] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quarto.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN IN SAID COLONY, ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, BEING THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TO THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1774.

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r},	Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},*	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq^{r},	Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r},	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r},	William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r},	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r},*	Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r},	
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r},	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},	
William Pitkin, Esq^{r},	James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{r},	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Capt. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.

Capt. Josiah Bissell, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Windsor.

Capt. Jona. Pettibone, Colo. Jona. Humphry, for Symsbury.

Mr. William Wolcott, Maj^{r} Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.

Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenez^{r} Plummer, for Glastonbury.

Mr. Alexander King, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.

[370] Mr. Silas Dean,* Capt. Thomas Belding, for Weathersfield.

Mr. Mathew Talcott, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.

Mr. Moses Holmes, Mr. Elijah Fenton, for Willington.

Mr. Samuel Cobb, Mr. Eleazer Steel, for Tolland.

Colo. Hez. Braynard, Capt. Joseph Brook, for Haddam.

Capt. Joel White, Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.

Mr. Zerah Kibbee, Mr. Reuben Sikes for Somers.

Mr. David Sage, Capt. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.

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* Messrs. Dyer and Sherman of the Upper House, and Deane of the Lower, were in attendance upon the Congress at Philadelphia, which adjourned October 26th; so that they could hardly have been present at this session before the close of that month. A letter from them to Governor Trumbull, dated Oct. 10th, is printed in 12th *Mass. Historical Society's Collections*, 221, and also in 4th series *American Archives*, I, 854. Another letter from Mr. Deane to the same, dated October 22d, may be found in the last mentioned volume, col. 888.

Mr. Daniel Braynerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Majr Henry Champion, Mr. John Waterhouse, for Colchester.
Mr. Josiah Converse, Mr. Joshua Fuller, for Stafford.
Mr. Edward Collins, Mr. Nathaniel Terry, for Enfield.
Colo. John Strong, Capt. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Capt. Daniel Ingham, Capt. Obadiah Hosford, for Hebron.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Joshua Chandler, for New Haven.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Majr James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. James Beard, for Darby.
Mr. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. John Burgiss, Capt. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Mr. Oliver Stanly, Capt. Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Jonathn Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Capt. John Fowler, Majr David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Isaac Tracy, for Norwich.
Majr Charles Phelps, Mr. Samuel Prentice, for Stonington.
Mr. Samuel Field, Capt. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Mr. Robert Crary, Capt. James Morgan, for Preston.
Mr. John Lay 2d, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Capt. Elnathan Stevens, Mr. Hezekiah Lane, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Stephen Billings, for Groton.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. William Hawley, for Redding.
Capt. John Mead, Mr. Peter Mead, for Greenwich.
Majr David Waterbury, Majr Charles Webb, for Stamford.
Colo. Philip Burr Bradley, Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Thomas Belding, Mr. Thaddeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Capt. Henry Glover, Capt. Peter Nichols, for Newtown.
Mr. Zacheus Towner, Mr. Alexr Fairchild, for New Fairfield.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
[371] Majr Jedediah Elderkin, Mr. Nathl Wales, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Jona. Trumbull junr, for Lebanon.
Mr. Solomon Pain, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Elisha Lord, for Pomfret.
Mr. Caleb May, Capt. Timothy Perryn, for Woodstock.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.

Mr. Constant Southworth, Capt. Experience Storrs, for Mansfield.
Capt. Isaac Coit, Majr John Douglas, for Plainfield.
Mr. James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Simeon Learned, Mr. Benjamin Leavins, for Killingly.
Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Mr. Elijah Whiton, for Ashford.
Mr. Jedediah Strong, Capt. David Welch, for Litchfield.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Majr Ebenezer Gay, Mr. Thomas Pardy, for Sharon.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Mr. Hezekiah Fitch, for Salisbury.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Edmund Beach, for Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Bordman, for Torrington.*
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwall.
Capt. John Willson, Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
Mr. John Watson, Colo. Charles Burrell, for Canaan.
Capt. Zebulon Butler, Mr. Joseph Sluman, for Westmoreland.

William Williams, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of
Richard Law, Esqr, Clerk, } Representatives.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this Colony entituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the military companies or trainbands in the several regiments in this Colony shall be called out and exercised in the use of their arms and other exercises proper for a company of infantry twelve half-days from this time until the first day of May next. And if any of the non-commissioned officers or soldiers in said companies shall neglect to attend said exercises, each person so neglecting shall forfeit and pay for each half-day two shillings, lawful money, to be divided [372] equally || among the non-commission officers and soldiers in said companies who shall attend and do duty, and a premium of six shillings shall be allowed to each soldier who shall attend said twelve half days. And every regiment in this Colony, as well the horse as foot belonging thereto, shall meet either together or in parts, at the discretion of the colonel or commanding officer, at such time and place as such colonel or field-officer shall appoint for regimental exer-

* The record agrees with the roll on file certified by Richard Law, Clerk. However, Major Epaphras Sheldon and Mr. Noah Marshall were the Deputies from Torrington, and Messrs. Canfield and Boardman represented New Milford.

cises, one day before the tenth day of May next; and every non-commission officer, trooper and soldier, shall be allowed and paid one shilling for attending such regimental exercise.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the military companies in the towns of East Windsor, Enfield and Bolton, and that part of Hartford on the east side of Connecticut River, shall be and they are hereby constituted and made one entire and distinct regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the Nineteenth Regiment. That the military companies in the town of Norwich shall be and they are hereby made and constituted one entire regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the Twentieth Regiment. That the military companies in the towns of Plainfield, Canterbury, Voluntown, and the south company in the town of Killingley, and all the soldiers living in said Canterbury, shall be set off from the eleventh regiment and shall be and are hereby made and constituted a distinct and entire regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the Twenty-first Regiment. That the military companies in the towns of Tolland, Somers, Stafford, Willington and Union, shall be one distinct regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the Twenty-second Regiment. Which several regiments shall be under the same rules and orders, and shall have the same powers, privileges and advantages, as other regiments of this Colony by law have.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That wherever sixty effective men, not now included in any militia rolls, voluntarily enlist themselves into a company, the colonel or commanding officer of the regiment in which they are shall lead them to the choice of proper officers, who shall be established and commissioned as other officers by law are.

That the colonels in the regiments in this Colony be and they are hereby directed to collect the fire-arms and other implements of war within their respective regiments, which belong to this Colony, and cause them to be repaired and fitted for use, and make returns to the Captain General the number and state of the arms they shall so find and collect, with all convenient dispatch.

And that there shall be a general muster of all the military companies in this Colony on the fourth Monday of November next, when the arms of all persons obliged by law to provide and keep arms shall be viewed by the chief officers of the respective companies, under penalty already provided by law for neglect in such case.

An Act for prohibiting the Importation of Indian, Negro or Molatto Slaves.

Whereas the increase of slaves in this Colony is injurious to the poor and inconvenient:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no indian, negro or molatto slave shall at any time hereafter be brought or imported into this Colony, by sea or land, from any place or places whatsoever, to be disposed of, left or sold within this Colony.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons who shall hereafter, contrary to the true intent of this act, import or bring any indian, negro or molatto slave or slaves into this Colony, to be disposed of, left or sold within the same, or who knowing such slave or slaves to be so imported and brought into this Colony shall receive or purchase them, or any of them, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of this Colony the sum of one hundred pounds, lawful money, for every slave so imported, brought into this Colony, received or purchased, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any court of record proper to try the same; and that it shall be the duty of all constables and grand-jurors to enquire after and make presentment of all breaches of this act.

[373] An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act made and passed by the General Assembly held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May, 1773, relative to the Tryal and Decision of Matters in Equity.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all suits for relief in equity wherein the value of the matter or thing in demand does exceed the sum of five pounds and does not exceed the sum of one hundred pounds shall be heard and determined by the respective county courts in this Colony, in the county where one of the parties dwell; and that all suits for relief in equity where remedy is not to be had at law, wherein the value of the matter or thing in demand does exceed the sum of one hundred pounds and does not exceed the sum of four hundred pounds, shall and may be heard and determined by the superior courts of this Colony in the respective counties where one of the parties dwell. And all matters and causes in equity now depending in the Assembly, wherein there is no complaint of error in any of the courts of law, nor hath been any report made, which come within the jurisdiction of the superior and county courts as is herein established, shall be referred to the said courts for a final decision; and the said causes are

hereby referred to said superior and county courts respectively, in the state in which the same now are.

Provided nevertheless, That the superior court shall proceed to hear and determine all such causes as are already commenced and undetermined in said court. This act to expire with the said act to which the same is in addition.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act for recovering in the Excise Monies and appropriating the Same for the Benefit of Schools.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Treasurer of this Colony pay out to the several towns the principal sums paid in by them as excise money together with the interest due at the time of payment, taking a receipt therefor; which monies shall be appropriated to the use of schools as in said act is provided.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the last paragraph of said act be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

An Act in further Addition to the Law entituled An Act in further Addition to an Act of this Colony entituled An Act concerning Book-Debts.

Whereas the limited time in said act mentioned for the recovery of book-debts that were outstanding when said act was made, if not further lengthened out may at present prove very inconvenient:

Be it, therefore, enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all such book-debts not otherwise balanced, paid or adjusted, may and shall be recoverable in any court in this Colony, if sued for at any time before the first day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six; anything in said act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An Act repealing an Act of this Colony entituled An Act to encourage the Destroying of Wolves &c., and also another Act of this Colony entituled An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act of this Colony entituled An Act to encourage the Destroying of Wolves &c.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the acts aforesaid, and each and every paragraph of them, be repealed, and they are hereby repealed and made void.

[374] This Assembly do appoint Samuel Wyllys, Esq^{r}, Colonel of the first regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Seymour, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the first regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Newberry, Esq^{r}, Major of the first regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{r}, Colonel of the nineteenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint George Pitkin, Esq^{r}, Lieutenant-Colonel of the nineteenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Terry, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the nineteenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Chapman, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the twenty-second regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen Moulton, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the twenty-second regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Fenton, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the twenty-second regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Israel Putnam, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the eleventh regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint William Danielson, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the eleventh regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint John Douglas, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the twenty-first regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Obadiah Johnson, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the twenty-first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint James Gordon, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the twenty-first regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Gold Silleck Silliman, Esq^{r}, Lieutenant-Colonel of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Johnson resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Agur Judson Major of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Major Silliman promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Major John Eliott Lieutenant-Colonel of the seventh regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Worthington, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the seventh regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Jedediah Huntington, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the twentieth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Abbott, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the twentieth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Zabdiel Rogers, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the twentieth regiment of militia in this Colony.

[375] This Assembly do appoint Samuel Holden Parsons, Esq^{r}, Lieutenant-Colonel of the third regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Selden, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the third regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the fifth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of the Hon^{ble} Shubael Conant, Esq^{r}, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^{r} Jedediah Elderkin to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the fifth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of the Hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r}, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Experience Storrs to be Major of the fifth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Maj^{r} Jedediah Elderkin promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Fitch, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the ninth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Webb, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the ninth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint John Mead, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the ninth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Elizur Talcott, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Elisha Williams, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Mathew Talcott, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Jabez Thomson to be Major of the second regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Maj^{r} Baldwin resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely jun^{r} to be Major of the thirteenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the tenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Colo. Elihu Chauncey resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Baldwin, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the tenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieut. Colo. Elihu Hall gone to Great Britain.

This Assembly do appoint Reuben Atwater, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the tenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Maj^{r} James Wadsworth jun^{r} promoted.

This Assembly do establish Shem Burbank to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Moses Rowe to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Spencer to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

[376] This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Holmes to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asa Upson to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Byington to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Newell to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Griggs to be Ensign of the third company in the 11th regiment.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Utley to be Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Osgood to be Ensign of the tenth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Buckingham to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Hide to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Hall to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Shepard to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Caleb Atwater to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Stevens to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Martin Lord to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Stanton to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish John Williams the 4th to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish John Belcher to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish William Starr to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Avery jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Brewster to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Johnson to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Asa Kingsbury to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

[377] This Assembly do establish Eli Hide to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Norwich.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Lathrop to be Captain of the troop of horse in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Throop jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Manning to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Lathrop jun^{r} to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Wheeler to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish William Thomson to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Curtiss to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Stratford.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Abel to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Peter Hendrick to be Lieuten-

ant of the first company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Seth Silliman to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Edward Burroughs to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the society of Stratfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Beard to be Captain of a company or trainband in Ripton in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Beach Tomlinson to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in Ripton in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Blackman to be Ensign of a company or trainband in Ripton in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Bezaleel Brown to be Lieutenant of the middle company or trainband in the town of Greenwich.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Mead jun^{r} to be Ensign of the middle company or trainband in the town of Greenwich.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Gray to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Stevens to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Canaan.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Moses to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Canaan.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Kimball to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Canaan.

This Assembly do establish Increase Mosely jun^{r}, to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the society of Southbury in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

[378] This Assembly do establish John Hinman to be Lieutenant of the north company or trainband in the society of Southbury in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William French to be Ensign of the north company or trainband in the society of Southbury in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Bull to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Judson to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Agur Curtis to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Martin to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Adonijah Griswold to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish James Pardee to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Gregory to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Sharon.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Clark to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Backus to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Dunlap to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Shepard to [be] Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Morgan to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Kingsley to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonah Palmer to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Allen to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Groton.

This Assembly do establish William Williams jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Groton.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Williams the 3d to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the town of Groton.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Lawrence to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amaziah Wright to be Lieu-

tenant of the 10th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Waldo to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

[379] This Assembly do establish Samuel Thomson to be Captain of the 19th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Fletcher to be Lieutenant of the 19th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Hovey jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 19th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zephaniah Alden to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Washbon jun^{r} to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Morriss to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Peabody to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Baldwin to be Lieutenant of the eleventh company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Palmer to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Yale to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Stanly jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hall to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Gilbert to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Mansfield jun^{r} to be

Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Roberts to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Pinney jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Pinney to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Peletiah Allyn to be Captain of a company or trainband in the town of Barkhemsted in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Israel Jones to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in the town of Barkhemsted in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Norton to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the town of Barkhemsted in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Buttolph to be Captain of a company or trainband in Southwick and the Wedge of Land, so called, in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Silas Holcomb to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in Southwick and the Wedge of Land, so called, in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

[380] This Assembly do establish Ephraim Holcomb to be Ensign of the company or trainband in Southwick and the Wedge of Land, so called, in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Hutchins to be Captain of a company or trainband on the east side the river in Hartland in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Beament to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband on the east side the river in Hartland in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Uriel Holmes to be Ensign of a company or trainband on the east side the river in Hartland in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abel Brace to be Captain of a company or trainband on the west side the river in Hartland in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elizur Ensign to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband on the west side the river in Hartland in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Theodore Woodbridge to be Ensign of a company or trainband on the west side the river in Hartland in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Rockwell to be Captain of a company or trainband in the town of Colebrook in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Rockwell to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in the town of Colebrook in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Seymour to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the town of Colebrook in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Jones to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Saybrook.

This Assembly do establish Amos Cowles to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Deming to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eli Willson to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Ransom jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Strong to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Porter jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Moss to be Captain of the 17th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Bunnel to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Titus Moss to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hull the third to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Newton to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

[381] This Assembly do establish Benjamin Richards to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Edwards to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Michael Dayton to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Mathews to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Fenn to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noah Phelps to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Uriah Seymour to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Edward Russell to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Frisbie to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Potter to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Barns to be Captain of the tenth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lazarus Ives to be Lieutenant of the tenth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Warner to be Ensign of the tenth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Dimon to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Thorp to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Penfield to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Fairfield.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Dutton to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Jewett to be Lieuten-

ant of the 16th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Spencer to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Hull to be Lieutenant of the 2d troop of horse in the 4th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Betts to be Cornet of the 2d troop of horse in the 4th regiment in this Colony.

[382] This Assembly do establish Jonathan Silliman to be Quarter-Master of the 2d troop of horse in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lee Lay to be Lieutenant of the south company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assemoly do establish Joseph Jewett to be Captain of the company or trainband in Lyme made out of the 3d company in said town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Abner Lord to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in Lyme made out of the 3d company in said town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish John Griffing to be Ensign of a company or trainband in Lyme made out of the 3d company in said town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Brown to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Benham to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Warner to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noah Ives to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Humaston to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Basset to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Christopher Alling to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Porter to be Captain of

the second company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Blackslee to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Brownson junr to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hough to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Merriam junr to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Cumstock junr to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Cone to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Brunson to be Captain of the fourteenth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

[383] This Assembly do establish Samuel Scovil to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eli Mygatt to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Hamilton junr to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James 'Clark to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Baldwin to be Captain of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Treat to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Woodruff to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Hotchkiss to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Phelps to be Lieuten-

ant of the second company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lyon to be Captain of the company of grenadiers raised in the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingley.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Brown to be Lieutenant of the company of grenadiers raised in the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingley.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Brown junr to be Ensign of the company of grenadiers raised in the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Killingley.

This Assembly do establish Return Jonathan Meigs to be Captain of the company of light infantry in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Shayler to be Lieutenant of the company of light infantry in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Hamlin junr to be Ensign of the company of light infantry in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the several towns in this Colony be ordered, and they are hereby ordered, to provide as soon as may be double the quantity of powder, ball and flints that they were heretofore by law obliged to provide; under the same directions and penalties as by law already provided.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired, to cause six hundred copies of the Queries from the Secretary of State, dated fifth of July, 1773, and the Answers thereto prepared by his Honor and laid before this Assembly, to be printed, and cause the same to be distributed to the several towns in this Colony, in proportion to their list of estates.†

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* By an act passed in May, 1741, *ante*, vol. viii, p. 386, every town was ordered to provide and keep on hand after the proportion of not less than fifty pounds of good powder, two hundred weight of bullets, and three hundred flints, for every sixty listed soldiers.

Statutes, revision of 1750 or edition of 1769, p. 163.

† At the October session, 1773, Wm. Sam'l Johnson, Gen. Lyman, Maj. Wadsworth, Maj. Parsons, Col. T. Fitch, Capt. Jabez Huntington; and Mr. Sherman, were appointed a committee to consider the Earl of Dartmouth's letter of July 5th. They recommended that the Governor be desired to transmit to the selectmen and other proper persons in the respective towns such inquiries as he should judge necessary, and, upon receiving materials, to draw up proper answers to the queries transmitted by his Lordship and lay the same before the Assembly for their consideration. — *War*, X, 430, 431.

The Queries and Answers are reprinted in the Appendix, but the returns

[384] Whereas a certificate or return of the additions to the general list and the fourfold assessments made upon the inhabitants of the town of Woodstock the last year happened to be omitted or mislaid in May last, so that the Treasurer of this Colony has not issued any warrant to collect the public

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from New Haven and New London given below afford some information not embraced in the general answers. They were printed in 12th *Mass. Historical Society's Collections*, 217–20, from the *Trumbull Papers*.

From Colonel David Wooster.

New Haven 16 May, 1774.

Sir: I have your Honor's letter before me of the 18th of February last, and for answer:

1. The latitude of New Haven is 41° 18′ north, and long. 73° 30′ west from London, taken by good observations.

5. New Haven has the principal harbor in the western part of the Colony, situated north and south, half a mile wide at the entrance, and from the entrance to the town four miles, having two fathoms and an half water at low water, and three fathoms and four feet at common tides, and very good anchorage.

7. The trade from this part of the Colony is entirely to the West India Islands, and the exports are horses, oxen, pork, beef, tallow, and lumber, and the imports West India produce. The shipping belonging to this port are one hundred and eight vessels, consisting of brigantines, sloops and schooners, amounting to seven thousand one hundred and seventy tons, carpenter's measure. The number of seafaring men are seven hundred and fifty-six. As for their increase or diminution I must refer your Honor to the last return, ten years ago.

8. British manufactures and India goods, imported annually from Great Britain into the port of New Haven, on an average amount to about £4000 sterling; for which remittances are made in pot and pearl ashes and bills of exchange. European and India goods taken from Boston and New York annually amount to about £40,000 sterling, for which remittances are made in pork, beef, wheat, rye, indian corn, flax-seed, pot and pearl ashes.

9. We trade with no foreign plantation, except the French islands in the West Indies, nor to any parts of Europe but Great Britain. We carry to the French plantations horses, oxen and lumber, and receive in return sugar and molasses, to the amount of about £3000 sterling annually, on an average.

10. The methods to prevent illegal trade are, the custom-house officers go on board all vessels as soon as they come into port, and after due search being made they report to the King's collector the cargo on board, which proves very effectual.

11. The natural produce of the country is wheat, rye, indian corn and flax; the staple commodities are pork, beef, wheat, rye, indian corn, flax-seed, pot and pearl ashes. Our manufactures are coarse linens and woollens for the poorer sort of people and servants, also iron-mongery, but we export none.

From Jeremiah Miller Esqr.

Answer 1. The latitude of New London, the best harbour in Connecticut, is by observation 41° 25′ north, and longitude 4^{ho} 45^{m} west from London, that is, 71° 15′ west from London, by observation of the eclipses of the moon, calculated by Halley's tables.

4. New London, as above, is one of the principal harbours, and opens to the south; and from the light house at the mouth of the harbour to the town is about three miles, and a breadth of three fourths of a mile and more in some places, from 5 to 6 fathoms water, a clear bottom, tough

tax that would arise thereon, and said additions and fourfold assessments being now properly certified: the first amounting to the sum of £1137 0 0, and the latter to the sum of £857 8 0: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer do and shall receive, add and include the same in such warrant as he hath already issued for the recovery of any public taxes granted to be levied upon said inhabitants, as though the same had been duly returned in May last. And the Secretary is also ordered and directed, to enter the aforesaid sums in the public records of this Colony.

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ooze, and entirely secure and commodious one mile above the town for large ships.

7. The principal trade of this government is to the West India islands, excepting now and then a vessel to Ireland with flax seed, and to England with lumber and pot ashes, and a few to Gibraltar and Barbary. There is 72 sail of vessels now belonging to this district, amounting to 3247 tons, in which there are 406 seafaring men employed, besides upwards of 20 sail of coasting vessels, that employ about 90 seamen. On comparing, the trade is on the decrease; for in the year 1763 there were 79 sail of vessels belonging to this district, a difference of 7 sail.

8. It is impossible to enumerate the various sorts of British manufactures that are here imported; but in general almost every sort is consumed here, which we have principally from New York and Boston, to the amount, upon a medium, from the best information I can get, of £150,000 or 160,000 sterling *per annum*.

9. Besides the English islands, (which supply this government with more than its home consumption of rum and sugar,) it has a trade with the French and Dutch West Indies, Gibraltar and Barbary. Those vessels that go to the French and Dutch plantations carry horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, provisions and lumber; those for Gibraltar and Barbary carry flour, lumber, New England rum, and stores for muling, the whole annual amount of which (I should think) about £50,000 sterling; for which we receive molasses, cocoa, cotton and some sugar, and from the Dutch plantations bills of exchange; and the mules from Barbary are generally sold in the West Indies for bills of exchange, the most of which importation and bills goes to New York and Boston, to pay for the British goods this government receives from those places.

10. The custom-house officers here are attentive to their duty, besides which this harbour is so situated that the coming in from sea is between the east end of Long Island and Block Island, and by the west end of Fisher's Island, where the king's cruisers are generally upon the look out, and very critical in examining the vessels they meet with.

11. The natural produce of this country is timber, iron and copper ore, myrtle-wax, &c. The produce and staple commodities are indian corn, wheat, rye, beef, pork, flax, flax seed, oats, beans, peas, potatoes, cheese, cider, apples, &c., which articles are carried in the coasting vessels to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Virginia and Carolina, to what value is very difficult to determine, but I should think to at least £20,000 sterling, which with the £50,000 sterling in the foreign trade, makes, on this estimation, the annual amount of exportation from this district £70,000 sterling. It is evident the whole falls short of paying for the British manufactures we receive, as many of our traders have failed, and the New Yorkers have taken their landed interest in this Colony in payments to a very considerable amount. The chief manufactures are pot and pearl ashes, bar-iron, and necessary implements for husbandry, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That proper carriages for the cannon at New London be procured and properly mounted, and that the arms and accoutrements in store there be cleansed, repaired and kept fit for service, and that a suitable quantity of powder and cannon-ball be speedily provided; and that Jabez Huntington and Joseph Spencer, Esq[rs], be a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to view and examine the state of the battery at said New London, and to report their opinion as to the expediency of repairing the same, and in what manner, and the amount of the expence thereof.

Whereas a sum of money is necessary for payment of incident charges of government:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of fifteen thousand pounds in bills of credit on this Colony, equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations as the committee herein appointed shall direct, and of the same tenor with the late emission of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the second day of January, 1777, and dated the second day of January, 1775. And William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne and Thomas Seymour, Esq[rs], or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care that said bills be imprinted with all convenient speed, and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And the said committee shall be sworn to a faithfull discharge of their trust. And the said Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the orders of Assembly.

And for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink, and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid:

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax of one penny on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony according to the list thereof brought in to this Assembly, October, A.D. 1774, with the additions; and also a further tax of one penny on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony according to the list thereof to be brought in to this Assembly in October, 1775, with the additions; which taxes shall be collected and paid into the treasury of this Colony, *viz:* one-half by the last day of December, 1775, and the other half by the last day of December, 1776; which taxes may be

discharged by paying the bills emitted by the Colony or lawful money; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send forth his warrants for collecting the same accordingly.

By the House of Representatives of the English Colony of Connecticut, second Thursday of May, 1774.

This House, taking into their serious consideration sundry acts of the British Parliament, in which the power and right [385] to impose duties and taxes ‖ upon his Majesty's subjects in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, for the purpose of raising a revenue only, are declared, attempted to be exercised, and in various ways enforced and carried into execution, and especially a very late act in which pains and penalties are inflicted on the capital of a neighbouring Province, a precedent justly alarming to every British Colony in America, and which being admitted and established, their lives, liberties and properties are at the mercy of a tribunal where innocence may be punished upon the accusation and evidence of wicked men, without defence and even without knowing its accusers; a precedent calculated to terrify them into silence and submission whilst they are stripped of their invaluable rights and liberties; do think it expedient and their duty at this time, to renew their claim to the rights, privileges and immunities of Freeborn Englishmen, to which they are justly intituled by the laws of nature, by the royal grant and charter of his late Majesty King Charles the second, and by long and uninterrupted possession, and thereupon do declare and resolve as follows, to wit:

1. In the first place: We do most expressely declare, recognize and acknowledge, his Majesty King George the third to be the lawful and rightful King of Great Britain and all other his dominions and countries, and that it is the indispensible duty of the people of this Colony, as being part of his Majesty's dominions, always to bear faithful and true allegiance to his Majesty, and him to defend to the utmost of their power against all attempts upon his person, crown and dignity.

2. That the subjects of his Majesty in this Colony ever have had, and of right ought to have and enjoy, all the liberties, immunities and privileges, of free and natural born subjects within any of the dominions of our said King, his heirs and successors, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as fully and amply as if they and every of them were born within the realm of England. That they have a

property in their own estate, and are to be taxed by their own consent only, given in person or by their representatives, and are not to be disseized of their liberties or free customs, sentenced or condemned, but by lawful judgment of their peers; and that the said rights and immunities are recognized and confirmed to the inhabitants of this Colony by the royal grant and charter aforesaid, and are their undoubted right, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever.

3. That the only lawful representatives of the freemen of this Colony are the persons they elect to serve as members of the General Assembly thereof.

4. That it is the just right and privilege of his Majesty's liege subjects of this Colony, to be governed by their General Assembly in the article of taxing and internal police, agreeable to the powers and privileges recognized and confirmed in the royal charter aforesaid, which they have enjoyed for more than a century past, and have neither forfeited nor surrendered, but the same have been constantly recognized by the King and Parliament of Great Britain.

5. That the erecting new and unusual Courts of Admiralty, and vesting them with extraordinary powers above and not subject to the controul of the common-law courts in this Colony, to judge and determine in suits relating to the duties and forfeitures contained in said acts, foreign to the accustomed and established jurisdiction of the former courts of admiralty in America, is in the opinion of this House highly dangerous to the liberties of his Majesty's American subjects, contrary to the great charter of English liberty, and destructive of one of their most darling rights, that of Tryal by Juries, which is justly esteemed one chief excellence of the British constitution and a principal bulwark of English liberty.

6. That the apprehending and carrying persons beyond the sea, to be tryed for any crime alleged to be committed within this Colony, or subjecting them to be tryed by commissioners or any court constituted by act of Parliament or otherways within this Colony in a summary way, without a jury, is unconstitutional and subversive of the liberties and rights of the free subjects of this Colony.

7. That any Harbour or Port duly opened and constituted cannot be shut up and discharged but by an act of the legislature of the Province or Colony in which such port or harbour is situated without subverting the rights and liberties and destroying the property of his Majesty's subjects.

8. That the late act of Parliament inflicting pains and

penalties on the town of Boston, by blocking up their harbour, is a precedent justly alarming to the British Colonies in America, and wholly inconsistent with and subversive of their constitutional rights and liberties.

[386] 9. That whenever his Majesty's service shall require the aid of the inhabitants of this Colony, the same fixed principles of loyalty as well as self-preservation, which have hitherto induced us fully to comply with his Majesty's requisitions, together with the deep sence we have of its being our indispensible duty, in the opinion of this House, will ever hold us under the strongest obligations which can be given or desired, most chearfully to grant his Majesty from time to time our further proportion of men and money for the defence, protection, security and other services of the British American dominions.

10. That we look upon the well-being and greatest security of this Colony to depend (under God,) on our connections with Great Britain, which is ardently wished may continue to the latest posterity; and that it is the humble opinion of this House that the constitution of this Colony being understood and practised upon as it has ever since it existed till very lately, is the surest band of union, confidence and mutual prosperity of our mother country and us, and the best foundation on which to build the good of the whole, whether considered in a civil, military or mercantile light; and of the truth of this opinion we are the more confident, as it is not founded on speculation only but has been verified in fact and by long experience found to produce, according to our extent and other circumstances, as many loyal, virtuous, industrious and well governed subjects as any part of his Majesty's dominions, and as truly zealous, and as warmly engaged to promote the best good and real glory of the grand whole which constitutes the British Empire.

11. That it is an indispensible duty which we owe to our King, our country, ourselves and our posterity, by all lawful ways and means in our power, to maintain, defend and preserve these our rights and liberties, and to transmit them entire and inviolate to the latest generations; and that it is our fixed, determined and unalterable resolution faithfully to discharge this our duty.

In the Lower House:

The foregoing Resolutions being read distinctly three several times and considered, were voted and passed with great unanimity. And it is further voted and requested by this

House, that the same be entered on the records and remain in the files of the General Assembly of this Colony.

Test. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Clerk D. R.

In the Upper House.

The consideration of the request of the Lower House, that the aforesaid Resolutions should be entered on the records of the Assembly &c., is referred to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secr'ty.

General Assembly, October second Thursday, A.D. 1774.

In the Upper House: On further consideration &c., it is agreed and consented to, that the foregoing Resolutions, according to the request of the Lower House, be entered on the records and remain on the files of the General Assembly of this Colony.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secr'ty.

The committee appointed by this Assembly at their sessions at Hartford in May last on the memorial of the Mohegan Indians, having made their report to this Assembly, and the same having been accepted and approved:

It is now resolved, That the following instructions and regulations be given, and they are hereby given, to the overseers for the time being appointed or to be appointed by this Assembly for said Mohegan Indians.

1. That the said overseers at all times treat the said Indians with paternal care and tenderness, and hold themselves obliged to assist them by their friendly and parental advice.

2ly. That the said overseers have full power and authority, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, in the name of said Indians to institute, bring forward and prosecute to final judgment and execution, any suit or action against any person or persons that shall commit any trespass on the lands or possessions of the said Mohegan Indians, and shall be accountable for any sum or sums of money they may recover.

3ly. If any Indian shall trespass upon the lands, goods or possessions of any other Indian, upon complaint thereof made to said overseers they, or any two of them, are hereby ordered and directed to notify the parties to appear before [387] them at such time and place as they shall ‖ appoint, when and where they shall proceed to hear and determine the case between them, and award such damages as they shall think just and reasonable to the party injured; and

if the person adjudged to pay damages shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, the said overseers are hereby impowered to stop so much of the then next dividend of rent-money belonging to such person so refusing, and pay and deliver the same over to him or them to whom the same may be awarded, in satisfaction of such award.

4ly. When it shall so happen that any particular Indian or Indians shall want to take up any land for improvement in severalty, such person or persons shall apply to said overseers, who are hereby impowered to set out by meets and bounds to such person or persons such a quantity of land for improvement as they shall think just and reasonable; and whoever shall enter on any land without the approbation of said overseers shall be deemed trespassers.

5ly. And whereas since the death of their late sachem and their declining to choose a successor there will be money due for rent of lands to the said Indians as a common and undivided interest, the said overseers are hereby directed to distribute the same to and among the families of said Indians, after deducting such sums as the said Indians shall agree upon or shall be found necessary for the relief of the poor among them and other public charges, and so from time to time hereafter as they shall have the common interest in their hands, observing as much as may be an equality among the families, and where any receive more benefit in the improvement of the land, it shall be considered in the distribution of the rent money.

6ly. And no person to cut or carry away any timber, wood or stones, except for their own buildings, firing and fences, without liberty from the overseers, upon the penalty said overseers shall lay upon them, not exceeding for each offence treble the value of the timber, wood or stone so cut or carried away.

Upon the petition of John Hartell of New London and others his creditors, shewing to this Assembly that in June last he, the said Hartell, loaded a sloop for the West Indies, and in going out of the harbour in New London she was providentially lost, whereby he is rendered unable to pay his just debts; that about five sixths in number and about nine tenths in value of his creditors have agreed to give him a letter of licence for ten years without interest, to enable him to go into business again and at the expiration of that time to pay all his just debts, but some few of his creditors refuse any composition with him; praying that his person and estate may be protected from arrests or being liable to pay

his said debts for the term of ten years, according to the agreement of the major part of said Hartell's creditors; as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Hartell be and he is hereby protected from any suit, judgment or execution, or imprisonment for or on account of any debt from him now due and oweing; and no judgment shall be rendered in any court of law or equity within this Colony for the recovery of any of said debts, but from any recovery of all and every such debts his said creditors shall all be secluded for and during the term of ten years from the second day of July, 1774. And the estate of said John shall not be liable to be taken in execution or be attached for the payment or securing any such debts to his said creditors during said term, and no future interest on any of said debts which shall arise during said ten years shall be recovered of said John after the expiration of said term of ten years.

Upon the petition of Nathan Douglas of New London, praying for an act of insolvency &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the consideration of this petition be referred to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next, and that the body and estate of the petitioner be exempted from arrest until the rising of the Assembly in May next, and that the suits at law already commenced against him shall not be affected thereby.

Upon the petition of Ephraim Peet of Stratford, shewing to this Assembly that he is largely indebted to divers persons, both in this Colony as well as to persons living out of it, and that by a series of misfortunes and accidents that have happened to him in the course of his business he is and has become insolvent, and that he has been striving to the utmost of his power to get into circumstances to do justice to his [388] creditors, but that being ‖ incumbered with a large and chargeable family, and his debts being principally on interest, he finds all his endeavours do not avail him, but that his circumstances rather grow worse, and that he has acquainted his creditors herewith, and from a sincere desire to do them all the justice in his power he has offered to deliver up to their use all his estate, except the necessaries for upholding life, if they would accept it and discharge him, and that the major part of his creditors were willing so to do but were hindered therefrom by only a few of his creditors; thereupon praying for relief, as per petition on file; and they the said refusing creditors being cited to shew reason, if any they had, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, and they being here publickly called appeared not,

but the major part in number and value of the creditors of said Peet by a writing under their hands subjoined to said petition desired that the same might be granted: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. John Brooks, Abraham Tomlinson and Isaac Nichols, all of Stratford, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, to receive and take into their hands all the estate and credits of said Peet, of whatsoever nature and kind they are, to and for the use and benefit of his creditors; and that they shall proceed therewith, and in the settlement of said Peet's debts, and in the collecting and disposing of his estate, according to the late law of this Colony entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors; and that upon said Peet's making, executing and delivering to said trustees a legal grant, conveyance and assignment of all his estate in possession, remainder and reversion, both real and personal, in law and equity, the necessaries for upholding life only excepted, to be allowed by said trustees, to and for the use and benefit of his creditors, he shall be, and he is hereby declared to be, released, freed and discharged as to his person from all the claims, debts and demands of any and all his creditors, and that his person may not at any time hereafter be any way taken, attached, arrested or restrained for and on account of any debt which he now owes to any person that is a party to said petition, but whatever estate he shall hereafter acquire shall be liable to such demands.

Whereas Charles Caldwell of Hartford hath preferred his petition against James Caldwell, praying for relief in sundry matters as therein alledged, and the same cannot now be heard or determined &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be and the same is hereby continued to the General Assembly to be holden at Hartford in May next.

Upon the petition of Jonathan Metcalf, William Metcalf, Samuel Huntington and Hannah Huntington his wife, and John Huntington of Lebanon, and Peter Pratt late of Sharon now of Philips Patent, against Zebulon Badcock of Sharon, preferred to this Assembly in May, 1773, shewing that said Zebulon Badcock brought his action of disseizin against Benajah Geer to the county court held at Windham the fourth Tuesday of June, 1758, demanding the seizin and possession of about sixty-six acres of land lying in Coventry, described in said writ, in which action said Badcock recovered final

judgment against said Geer before the superior court held at Windham the third Tuesday of March, 1759, on the plea of no wrong nor disseizin; that the petitioners sold to Daniel Church and said Church to said Geer before the year 1758, about thirty acres, parcel of said sixty-six acres of land, to which they had a good title; that said Geer hath been evicted of the whole lands demanded in said writ because he made no severance in his defence; that he afterward brought his action of covenant against the petitioners and recovered a large sum in damages &c.; praying that they, as trustees to said Geer, might have liberty of a new trial of said action &c.; on which petition a committee have been appointed and have reported &c., as per petition and report on file, which report is accepted and approved: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioners, as vouchees to said Geer, have, and they have hereby granted to them, a new tryal of said cause as to all the lands contained in their said [389] || deed to said Church, before the superior court to be held at Windham in and for the county of Windham the third Tuesday of March, 1775, and they are hereby enabled to defend in said cause as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as said Geer might or could do, and from time to time to conduct and manage said suit, as far as regards the lands in said deed to said Church, as fully and in the same manner as they might have done if said action had been brought against them; and the superior court is hereby enabled and directed from time to time to take cognizance of said cause and any proceedings therein to be had or moved by said Badcock or the petitioners, as fully and effectually as they might or could by law have done on the application of either of the parties to said suit; and that all proceedings hat are relative to or dependent upon said cause be staid until the final issue and determination of said suit and procedings thereon; and that in case judgment shall be rendered in favour of said Geer in said suit of said Badcock against said Geer so far as regards said lands in said deed to said Church, that said judgment in favour of said Geer against the petitioners shall become vacate and no execution thereon granted or recovery had on any proceedings consequent thereupon; and all legal costs shall be allowed and tax'd by said superior court on the final issue of said cause now depending.

Upon the petition of Richard Bushnell of Norwich, against Ebenezer Fitch of Norwich, and others, praying for a new tryal in a certain action of partition already settled and

determined in the law as mentioned in said petition, upon which a committee was appointed by this Assembly in May last, who have examined into the matters alledged in said petition and made their report thereon to this Assembly in favour of the petitionees, which report is accepted and approved of by this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner shall take nothing by his petition. *Cost allowed petitionee is* £11 16 5. *Ex. granted Nov. 5th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of Lucy Meach of Preston, against Joshua Meach, preferred to this Assembly in May last, Messrs. William Hillhouse, Elisha Lothrop, Esq^{r}, and Capt. William Hubbard were appointed a committee to hear, examine and report, but not having yet reported, therefore: Resolved by this Assembly, that William Hilhouse, Elisha Lathrop and Thomas Mumford, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with the same powers and directions as said former committee had, to examine &c. the matters alledged in said petition.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Wyncoop of the town and county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that he brought his action of book-debt against Samuel Couch of said Fairfield, demanding fifteen pounds, lawful money, which came to the superior court holden at Fairfield in August, 1771, when the said Couch plead in bar a recovery in his favour against said Wyncoop before Lathrop Lewiss, Esq^{r}, justice of peace in and for said county; alledging that said Couch craftily brought his action against the petitioner before said justice to embarrass and prevent the petitioner from recovering his just demands at a time when said Couch was justly indebted to the petitioner a large sum, and that judgment was by said superior court rendered in favour of said Couch and the petitioner deprived of legal remedy; praying for relief &c, as per petition on file; whereupon John Allen and Nathan Bulkley, Esq^{rs}, and Mr. Elijah Abel were appointed a committee, who now make their report, which report is accepted and approved: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said Wyncoop recover of the said Couch the balance of his said book account, found to be £3 3 5, and interest of the same, being £1 8 9, and the cost recovered against him, being £8 13 10, and interest of the same 25*s.* and officers fees 5*s.* together with said Wyncoop's cost in said suit, being £8 2 1, making in the whole £22 18 1, lawful money, with his cost allowed to be £13 19 8, and that execution issue accordingly. *Ex. granted November 4th*, 1774.

[390] Upon the petition of Thomas Seymour of Hartford, as he is the now only surviving executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Seymour, Esq^r^, of said Hartford, late deceas'd, shewing that he with David Seymour, lately deceas'd, were appointed sole executors of said will; that the said David also accepted said trust, and in his life time took and received of the personal estate of said testator to a considerable amount, which he kept and it remained in his hands at the time of his death; that the petitioner hath since been obliged to account for and pay out the same in discharge of the debts of said testator; that William Stanly of said Hartford was appointed executor of said David's last will and hath accepted said trust, and he hath represented his said estate insolvent &c.; the petitioner praying that the executor of the said David should be compelled to repay to him the sum and amount of what the said David had taken and received that belonged to the estate of the said deceas'd Thomas, as per petition &c.; whereupon a committee was appointed in May last, to examine the facts alledged, who have now reported &c., and said report being accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said William Stanly, executor of the said David's will, shall pay to the petitioner the sum of £50 18 2, lawful money, without any loss or average thereon, and that the Secretary shall issue execution therefor accordingly. *Ex. granted December 17th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of John Bakeman Hull, Squire Geer and Mary his wife, James Wade and Sarah his wife, all of Norwich, they being the legal heirs and representatives of Samuel Hull late of said Norwich, deceas'd, against Elijah Lathrop, Rufus Lathrop, Esq^r^, of Norwich, and the rest of the heirs and legal representatives of Colo. Simon Lathrop late of said Norwich, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the said Samuel Hull deceas'd did in his life time on the ninth day of November, 1753, for security of a debt then due from him to said Colo. Lathrop, give and execute an absolute deed of his, the said Hull's, dwelling-house, garden and wharf, where he then dwelt, and that afterwards the said Colo. Lothrop gave to said Hull a large bond to oblige himself, his heirs &c., to reconvey to said Hull the estate aforesaid upon his paying to said Lathrop the sum due as aforesaid by a certain time that hath long since expired, and the same not being done in the life time of said Hull or Colo. Lathrop, the said heirs of Samuel Hull, deceas'd, pray to this Assembly as a court of equity, to let them in to redeem said

estate upon their paying to said heirs of Colo. Lathrop the sum that should be found justly due, and that a committee might be appointed to enquire into the matters of said petition and ascertain what was justly due as aforesaid and make report &c., as per petition on file; which being granted and a report of a committee being made &c., returned that said estate is worth £150 0 0, and that the sum justly due as aforesaid is £133 4 5, lawful money, with the opinion of said committee thereon, that if the heirs of said Hull are let in to redeem said estate they in that case ought to pay the heirs of said Lathrop the said sum of £133 4 5, but if the heirs of said Lathrop are quieted in the possession and title of said estate they ought in that case to pay to the heirs of said Hull the sum of £16 15 7, L. money; which report being accepted by this Assembly, and agreed to by said parties, and the heirs of said Lathrop having paid to said Hull's heirs the said sum of £16 15 7, in full satisfaction for said estate, the said parties further agreed that said estate should be confirmed to the heirs of said Colo. Lathrop by an act of this Assembly, as appears by said agreement indorsed on said report: It is therefore resolved and enacted by this Assembly, that the estate mentioned in said petition be and the same is hereby confirmed to and vested in the heirs of said Colo. Simon Lathrop dec'd, according to his last will and testament, free and clear of all right or equity of redemption in the heirs of said Hull or any of them, in the same manner as though said deed had been absolute from the beginning, without said bond, or any agreement, right or equity of redemption in said Hull or his heirs to the estate aforesaid.

[391] Upon the petition of Elisha Baker, Esq^{r}, of Canaan in Litchfield county, praying for a special act of insolvency to be past in his favour &c., as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Giles Pettibone, Esq^{r}, of Norfolk, Capt. Elisha Sheldon of Salisbury, and Asahel Bebee of Canaan, be and they hereby are appointed trustees with full power to receive of the said Baker a conveyance of all his credits and estate of what nature or kind so ever, excepting only his household furniture, library and one riding horse and tackling for the use of himself and family; which said trustees are hereby impowered to bring actions in their own names for the recovery of any debt due to said Baker, and to defend in any action that may be brought for the recovery of any debt due or claimed to be due from him, and to compromise and settle by arbitration or otherwise any debts due to the said

Baker, and to ascertain any debts due from him to any of his creditors, and to convert said estate into money and divide the same among all his creditors in proportion to their respective debts, or otherwise to divide said estate &c. among said creditors as aforesaid, in case they shall so agree; to which purpose said trustees are directed to notify a meeting of said creditors at such time as they shall appoint in some of the public newspapers of this Colony six weeks successively next before such meeting; which creditors at such meeting shall have power by a major vote both in number and value, to agree upon a division of said estate in proportion to their respective debts to be ascertained as aforesaid; and that upon the said Baker's resigning up into the hands of said trustees all his said credits and estate, except as above excepted, and making a legal assignment thereof for the use and benefit of his creditors by the first day of February next, together with his notes, books, vouchers and securities, he shall thereupon be freed, liberated and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for any debt or duty due and oweing from the said Baker at the date of said petition. And it is also resolved, that any two of said trustees shall have power to execute their said trust.

The consideration of the petition of Eliphalet and John Bulkley against their creditors is referred to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford the second Thursday of May next; and the persons and estate of the petitioners, and the person and estate of each of them, are hereby secured and protected from all arrests, imprisonment and executions for or on account of any debts by them or either of them now oweing, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Daniel and Sarah Hooker, administrators on the estate of Doctor Daniel Hooker, dec'd, against Titus Hosmer &c., executors of Capt. Stephen Hosmer, dec'd, praying to be relieved against a judgment for £600 0 0, in favor of Apthorp and Gardiner, merchants of Boston, on which petition a committee was appointed, who report that there is in equity due from the petitioners in their said capacity only the sum of £462 6s. 0d. lawful money, and that said judgment ought to be enforced against the petitioners only for said sum of £462 6 0, lawful money, which report being accepted: It is resolved by this Assembly, that said judgment in favor of said Apthorp and Gardiner shall not be enforced against the petitioners in their said capacity for more than the sum of £462 6 0, L. money, on penalty of forfeiting said debt.

Upon the petition of Joseph Hull, Esq^{r}, of Darby in the county of New Haven, and the rest of the inhabitants of said Derby, against Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{r}, of Woodbury in the county of Litchfield, and the rest of the inhabitants of said Woodbury, complaining of error in a judgment had and rendered by the adjourned superior court held at New Haven on the first Tuesday of November, 1773, for that judgment was rendered in favor of said Stiles &c. for their cost, whereas it ought to have been in favor of said Hull &c. on said special verdict: Resolved by this Assembly, that said judgment of said superior court is erroneous, and the same is hereby reversed and made void, and that the inhabitants of said Derby do recover of the inhabitants of said Woodbury their damages allowed to be £6 3 9, lawful money; and said cause is hereby remanded to said superior court to be held at New Haven by adjournment on the second Tuesday of December next, for further tryal. *Ex. granted Nov. 5th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of James Jauncey, Esq^{r}, of the City and Province of New York, representing that certain lands were conveyed to him by Daniel Clark, of Wallingford in New Haven county, deceas'd, in his life time as a collateral secu-
[392] rity for a large ‖ debt due to the petitioner: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, Archibald Clark and Daniel Clark of said Wallingford, executors of the last will of said deceas'd Clark, shall bargain and contract for the sale of any of said lands so conveyed to the petitioner to any person who shall appear to purchase the same, and upon such contract or bargain the petitioner may make and execute deeds of conveyance of such lands so contracted for sale by said executors to such purchasers, and the same shall remain good and firm to such purchasers notwithstanding any equity of redemption in the heirs of said deceas'd; and the said petition is hereby continued to the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Azariah Smith, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that by a series of misfortunes, and more especially by reason of his intermarriage with one Ruth Benton, formerly of the town and county of Hartford, (from whom he has had the good fortune to be divorced,) he is reduced to a state of indigence and want, and that he is far advanced in life, being more than sixty years of age, and that by means of said intermarriage he has become indebted to the heirs of Major Josiah Griswold, late of Weathersfield, deceas'd, and others mentioned in said petition; praying to be discharged from the said debts and the

demands of all and every of his said creditors, named in said petition: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. Jonathan Root, Capt. Josiah Cowles and Mr. Asahel Wadsworth, all of said Farmington, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power and authority to receive a conveyance from said Smith of all his estate, real, personal and mixed, for the use and benefit of said creditors. and the same to assign, pass over and convey to them in proportion to the sums respectively oweing and coming to them from said Smith. And upon the petitioners discovering upon oath and giving up all his estate, real, personal and mixed, to said trustees as aforesaid, the petitioner shall and he is hereby fully and absolutely exonerated and discharged from any arrests from any of his said creditors for any of the debts mentioned in said petition.

Upon the petition of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq^{r}, of New London, against Philip Livingston, Esq^{r}, &c., brought to this Assembly in May, 1772, praying for an act of insolvency in his favour, and upon the report of a committee on said petition now lying before this Assembly relative to said Saltonstall's circumstances &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of the petition and report aforesaid be referred to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford in May next; and that the person and estate of the petitioner be freed and secured from arrests and imprisonment for any debts due before the date of said petition, until the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Eleazer Waterman against David B. Waterman, shewing to this Assembly that before the 26th of March, 1770, he had lent to said David upwards of two hundred pounds, money, and as security therefor said David had mortgaged his farm to the petitioner's sons John and Peter, and that afterwards the petitioner had advanced further sums for and on account of said David upwards of four hundred pounds and had proposed to purchase said David's farm, and not agreeing in the price after several apprisals and not complying therewith on the part of said Eleazer, in March, 1770, other incumbrances, *viz.* an attachment in favour of Mathew Hide, being laid on said farm, the petitioner agreed to buy and said David to sell said farm at the apprizement of Messrs. Elijah Hide, Elijah Mason and John Brown, the said incumbrances and monies advanced by the petitioner to be allowed in part payment therefor, and gave notes in the sum of £500 0 0 to each other to abide the bargain at their apprizal, and that said apprizers did apprize said farm at the sum of £984 0 0, and the petitioner refused to abide the

bargain and take said farm at said apprizement, and there upon said David sued said note and recovered judgment thereon against the petitioner for the whole of said note, [393] *viz.* £500 0 0, with cost &c., at the ‖ superior court at New London, September term, 1773, as per petition on file; praying for a committee &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Shubael Conant and Joshua West, Esq^rs, and Capt. Experience Storrs, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to examine, adjust and liquidate the several payments made by the petitioner for and on account of said David, including the several incumbrances upon said farm, with such interest thereon as said committee shall judge just and reasonable, all circumstances considered; and also consider any supposed damage the said David may have sustained on his part for the not complying with said bargain on the part of the petitioner, and find what further sum is due from the petitioner to said David to compleat said bargain and purchase monies, allowing the price of said farm at £984 0 0, as it was apprized; and their report make of what they shall find with their opinion thereon to this or the next Assembly; and that said judgment and execution and all proceedings thereon be stayed in the mean time.

Upon the petition of Eleazer Waterman of Norwich, against David Basset Waterman of said Norwich, preferred to this Assembly in October last, shewing that he had advanced large sums of money to the petitionee for which a mortgage was given to his two sons, John and Peter; that afterward he advanced further sums to the petitionee, without any further security; that the petitionee not being able to repay said sums advanced proposed that the petitioner should purchase his said farm, and sundry apprizals thereof were made, which the petitioner declined to comply, and afterwards the parties agreed to a new apprizal, and gave notes to each other in £500 0 0, to abide the judgment of said apprizers; that thereon an apprizal was made at £984 0 0, which the petitioner refused to comply with, and the petitionee put said £500 0 0 note in suit and recovered final judgment thereon for said sum of £500 0 0 and cost; whereupon a committee were appointed who have reported that there is due to the petitionee the sum of £299 19 3½, over and above all the sums advanced by the petitioner to the petitionee, fully to satisfy the petitionee for the said farm and the said judgment, and to settle and close all the claims and demands the parties have on each other for any of the matters and things mentioned in said petition; as per petition and report on file,

which report is accepted: And thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that no proceedings be further had on said judgment, and execution thereon shall not be issued nor the petitioner holden to pay any part thereof; and that the Secretary issue execution in favour of the petitionee against the petitioner for said sum of £299 19 3½; and that from any further recovery or demand for any of the matters alledged in said petition the petitionee be forever secluded and debarred. *Ex. granted October 26th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of Ebenezer Scott, of a place called Barnard Town in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing that his grandfather, Ebenezer Nash of Suffield, deceas'd, did in his life time leave in the hands of Samuel Kent, Esq^r^, of said Suffield, lately deceased, a sum of money due to him by note from said Kent which said Kent undertook to pay over to the petitioner when he came of full age; that said Kent refused to pay the same to the petitioner in his life time, and his executor, Elihu Kent of said Suffield, also refuseth to do what is right and just therein &c., as per petition &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed to examine &c., and said committee having now reported and the same being accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner shall recover of the said Elihu Kent the sum of thirty-five pounds ten shillings and four pence, lawful money, and the cost that may be now allowed, and that execution shall be issued therefor by the Secretary accordingly. *Cost* £13 18*s*. 6*d*. *Ex. granted December 17th*, 1774.

Upon the petition of Jesse Leavenworth, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, representing that by misfortunes in trade he is unable at present to pay his just debts and his interest out of his hands; praying for protection from imprisonment and arrests for the space of two or three years, as by the memorial on file, dated the 29th of September last: Whereupon it is determined and ordered by this Assembly, that said petition and the matters therein contained be con- [394] tinued and referred to the session of ‖ this Assembly in May next for further consideration; and that the body of said Leavenworth be exempted and free from arrests or imprisonment for any debts now by said Leavenworth due, until the rising of the next session of this Assembly.

Upon the petition of the town of Suffield by their agents, Phineas Lyman and Alexander King, Esq^rs^, shewing that Asahel Holcomb and others of Symsbury had procured a highway to be opened and laid out, upon application by them made to the county court in the county of Hartford, begin-

ning at a road called Turky Hill Road in said Suffield near the dwelling-house of Phineas Sheldon in said Suffield, and from thence northward through the lands of the said Phineas Sheldon and others to a highway running easterly from the house of one Warham Pease &c.; further alledging that said highway so laid out will not so well accommodate the public as at another place called the Mountain Road, where the town of Suffield and Symsbury had proposed to lay out the same, and that a road laid out at said last mentioned place will shorten the travel and be much less detrimental to private property &c.; as per petition &c. at large appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that William Wells, Esq^{r}, Thomas Belding, Esq^{r}, of Weathersfield, and Mr. Isaac Sheldon of Hartford, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to repair to said town of Suffield and view both of said highways aforementioned in said towns of Suffield and Symsbury, giving due notice thereof to both of said towns, and examine and hear all the parties concerned, and to lay out or establish that which they shall determine to be most convenient for public traveling, having regard therein to the interest of private persons; and make report of their doings herein to the General Assembly in May next.

Upon the petition of Noah Sexton of Colchester, shewing that on the 24th day of May, 1770, he being a constable of said Colchester, levied an execution in favour of Messrs. John Kneeland and Samuel Grant of Boston, against Samuel Tozer in said Colchester; that in making return of his doings thereon he by mere mistake certifyed and returned that Peter Bulkley, Esq^{r}, who was then attorney to said Grant and Kneeland, did as a justice of the peace for said county appoint Dudley Wright and Hubbel Wells, two freeholders of said Colchester, to apprize said land to said creditors, when in fact John Watrous, Esq^{r}, of said Colchester made said appointment; praying for relief &c., as per petition &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the petitioner shall have liberty, and he is hereby allowed and impowered, to amend his said return made on said execution as aforesaid, and to insert the name of the said John Watrous, Esq^{r}, therein instead of that of the said Peter Bulkley, Esq^{r}; and the town-clerk of said Colchester and the clerk of said county court from whence the said execution issued shall receive and record the same accordingly, and attested copies thereof shall be allowed and given in evidence upon any tryal respecting said lands, as though the petitioner had at first inserted the name of the said John Watrous, Esq^{r}, in his said return.

Whereas Caleb Turner of Hartford with a number of his creditors have preferred a petition to this Assembly, praying that the said Caleb might deliver up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, and that he might be freed in his person from arrests &c., and there not being opportunity to hear the merits of said petition at this time, &c., and the said Caleb being in a low state of health by reason of confinement &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said petition be and the same is hereby continued to the Assembly in May next, and in the mean time the person of the said Caleb shall and the same is hereby protected from all arrests or imprisonment for any debt or demand now due or oweing from him to any person whatsoever, until the rising of this Assembly in May next.

[395] Upon the petition of William Case and Lydia Eldridge, administrators on the estate of Ebenezer Eldridge late of Tolland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that on the seventh day of May, 1772, it was agreed by and between Amos Fellows and said Ebenezer, that the said Amos should sell to said Ebenezer two certain tracts of land situated in said Tolland, one containing sixty-three acres and three quarters and 14 rods, and the other three acres and one hundred and nineteen rods, be the same more or less, for the consideration of one hundred and thirty-six pounds nineteen shillings and three pence, lawful money, for the payment of which said Ebenezer was to give to said Amos a deed of one hundred acres of land, including highways, lying in the town of Alford in the Province of New Hamshire, at the price of fifty pounds, lawful money, in part of said £136 19 3: said deed to be delivered to said Amos by the 30th day of May, 1773: the remainder of said £136 19 3 to be secured to be paid by said Ebenezer's note to said Amos, and that as said Ebenezer could not then as he supposed give said deed, on account of said land in said Alford being under lease, it was further agreed that said Ebenezer should give a bond to give said deed, and said Amos was then to execute his said deed of said two tracts in said Tolland to said Ebenezer, and that in consequence of said agreement said Amos on the same seventh day made and executed his deed to said Ebenezer of said two tracts in said Tolland and the same delivered to said Ebenezer without acknowledging the same, and in consideration of the premises said Amos then promised to acknowledge said deed in a short time when proper authority could be had for said purpose, in which deed said two tracts in said Tolland are bounded and described as by said deed under the

hand and seal of said Amos, dated said seventh day of May, 1772, may appear, and that thereupon said Ebenezer executed to said Amos his note for £86 19*s.* 3*d.*, and for want of time to make said deed said Ebenezer executed his note to said Amos for £70 0 0, L. money, and the same delivered into the hands of Reuben Hatch of said Tolland to hold, to oblige said Ebenezer to give said bond or on failure thereof to give said deed according to said agreement, and that afterwards, *viz.* on the 30th day of May, 1772, said Ebenezer made and executed said bond to give said deed and the same then tendered to said Amos according to said agreement, and requested said Amos to give him an order to take said £70 0 0 out of the hand of said Hatch, and that said Amos refused to receive said bond or deliver up said £70 0 0 note or give orders to said Hatch to deliver the same, and still holds said note; that before the time when said deed was to be delivered, *viz.* in the month of April, 1773, said Ebenezer died, by means whereof said deed has never been executed &c.; that said Ebenezer has left several children who were minors and cannot execute said deed, and that since the death of said Ebenezer said Hatch has delivered said seventy pound note to said Amos, who holds the same, and that said Amos soon after the death of said Ebenezer entered into the improvement of said land in said Tolland, and has taken the profits thereof to himself, and has always refused and still refuses to acknowledge said deed; further representing, that the estate of said Ebenezer is scarcely sufficient to pay his debts, and that said estate is so perplexed that said administrators are unable to settle the same, and that said Ebenezer in his life time paid to said Amos about forty pounds, lawful money, in part of said note of £86 19 3; further shewing, that it will be best for the heirs and creditors of said estate that said deed should be delivered back to said Amos, and that as said Amos has refused to acknowledge said deed, that said Amos ought to pay back said £40 0 0 and the interest; praying that the petitioners may be impowered to deliver said deed to said Amos executed by said Amos as aforesaid, and that said Amos may be obliged to pay said £40 0 0 and the interest, or so much as may be in equity due, or that the clerk of the town of Tolland may be directed to receive and record said deed executed by said Amos as aforesaid, that the same may be given in evidence in the same manner as if it had been acknowledged by said Amos, and that the petitioners may be enabled to sell said land in Alford aforesaid, and that a judicious committee may be appointed to enquire

into the matters aforesaid by the oath of said Amos and in such other way as they shall judge necessary, and report to [396] this or some future Assembly; as per said ‖ petition on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that Ebenezer Kingsbury and Jeremiah Ripley of Coventry, and Capt. Experience Storrs of Mansfield, be and hereby are appointed a committee with full power to enquire into the matters aforesaid as aforesaid in this petition set forth, and their report make of what they shall find in the premises with their opinion thereon to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford in May next.

Upon the memorial of the Massantucksett tribe of Indians in Groton, by their agents and overseers Elisha Fitch and Edward Mott, shewing that a tract of about 1650 acres of land was antiently sequestered and set apart for their use within the following boundaries: beginning at a popple tree marked stones about it, standing on the north side [of] a swamp, which tree was a boundary of Capt. John Morgan's land and the south-west corner of said sequestered land, thence running north 4 degrees west 520 rods to a black-oak tree with stones about it on the west side of a hill, which is the north-west corner of said tract of land, thence east 181 rods to a gray-oak tree mark'd stones about it, thence east 2 degrees north 280 rods to a white-oak on the west side the cedar swamp, thence south about 2 degrees east 142 rods by the swamp to a rock and stones on it at the south end of the swamp, thence south 13 degrees east 388 rods to a rock and spring of water, thence west 26 degrees north 52 rods to a white-oak tree with stones about it which was the north-east corner of Samuel Packer's land, thence west about 7 degrees north with said Packer's land 220 rods to the stub of a white-oak tree which is the north-west corner of said Samuel Packer's land, thence west about twenty degrees south 120 rods to a heap of stones by a brook of water, thence westerly adjoining to said brook to the bounds first mentioned; that proprietors of Groton had also an interest therein, and many unhappy controversies having arisen between them and the proprietors of Groton and those who held under them concerning said lands, a committee was appointed by the General Assembly to examine said claims and adjust and settle all controversies, who reported to the General Assembly in May, 1761, that said tribe ought to hold of said lands 989 acres and 68 rods, as laid down on a plan made by Mr. Hamsted, in fee to them, their heirs and successors, and the residue to the English claimers, which report was accepted and a decree

thereon passed established the same to the parties in manner as reported, but no monuments were erected and established by said committee, so that they could know by metts and bounds the extent of their lands; that many encroachments have been made on their lands &c.; that said plan referred to is lost or secreted; praying that a committee may be appointed to divide and apart out to them the said 989 acres and 68 rods of said whole tract of land and to erect boundaries between them and the Groton proprietors and claimers, and that the same when compleated shall be established and confirmed to them, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Mott and John Tyler, Esq^{rs}, of Preston, be and they are hereby appointed a committee and fully authorized, at the costs of the memorialists, to apart and divide out to the memorialists 989 acres and 68 rods of said whole tract of land in the easterly part of said whole tract; and having measured and ascertained the same, to erect and establish boundaries and monuments dividing between the memorialists and the adjoining proprietors, which being so erected shall be the dividing lines between the memorialists and the adjoining claimers and proprietors fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes whatever. And said committee are hereby directed not to lay out any of the lands aforesaid to the memorialists so as to encroach on any grant made prior to the grant or sequestration made to said tribe of Indians by the town of Groton, March 20th, A.D. 1720–1; and said committee to make return of their doings herein to the General Assembly for approbation.

[397] Upon the memorial of Timothy Russell, administrator on the estate of John Russell late of Weathersfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges with necessary moveables set to the widow of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £64 1 11¼, lawful money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £64 1 11¼, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £64 1 11¼, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Hurlburt, administratrix on the estate of Timothy Hurlburt late of Weathersfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges with nec-

essary moveables set to the widow of said deceas'd surmounts the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £77 2 4¾, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £77 2 4¾, lawful money, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Lathrop of Windham, preferred to the General Assembly in May last, praying said Assembly to grant to him the sum of £14 16 6, lawful money, to be paid out of the treasury of this Colony for sundry services done by him as deputy sheriff and others under his command, in pursuing and apprehending sundry persons suspected of counterfeiting of coin, as per memorial on file, on which a committee was appointed to examine and report, who have reported to this Assembly that they have duly enquired into said services and find they are justly charged, and that said sum of £14 16 6 is justly due to said Lathrop and others mentioned in said memorial, and that the same ought to be paid out of the treasury of this Colony to said Lathrop for himself and his said assistants; which report is accepted and approved by this Assembly, as on file: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed and ordered to pay out of the treasury of this Colony to said Lathrop said sum of £14 16 6, lawful money, in balance of said account.

Upon the memorial of the independent military company in New London, praying that said company may be enabled by voluntary inlistment to fill up said company as vacancies may happen: Resolved by this Assembly, that said company have free liberty by voluntary inlistment to fill up said company as vacancies may happen; and all persons whatsoever duly inlisted into said independent company are hereby entirely freed and excused from doing any duty in any other military company whatsoever.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Fish of Stonington, administrator on the estate of Joseph Cheeseborough late of said Stonington, dec'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £267 1 8, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £267 1 8, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memori-

alist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £267 1 8, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein.

[398] Upon the petition of the society of Exeter in the town of Lebanon, representing that they were formerly made a distinct ecclesiastical society, and that the county court did appoint a committee to fix a place for setting a meeting-house, which place by them fixed is found inconvenient, and that said society had unanimously agreed to build a meeting house about 40 or fifty rods easterly of said place fixed by the committee; in the highway between the land of Solomon Abel and the heirs of Eliphalet Abel dec'd, about fourteen rods from a dwelling-house of Elihu Thomas, occupied by Peletiah Marsh, and have erected an house on said place for public worship, as per petition; praying said place may be accepted and established: Resolved by this Assembly, that the place above mentioned and described be and the same is hereby established, and the house thereon erected be hereafter the meeting-house for said society, and the same is hereby established for that purpose accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Benoni Peck and others, inhabitants of Cornwall, shewing to this Assembly that they live remote from the place of public worship in said Cornwall and the roads very bad, and that they are contiguous and live near to the place of public worship in the first society in Kent; praying to be annexed by a certain line to said first society, for the purpose only of attending public worship, paying ministerial charges and building and repairing a meeting-house for public worship therein, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benoni Peck and all others living within the following lines, *viz.* beginning at Ousatonuck River in the dividing line between Cornwall and Kent, thence extending eastward on said dividing line three quarters of a mile, thence extending northward at the same distance from said river until it comes to the northward part of Samuel Sawyer's land by the south side of the Mast Swamp Brook, so called, thence northwestward with the line of said Samuel Sawyer's land to the said river, and thence southward by said river to the first mentioned boundary, be and they are hereby annexed to said first society of Kent for the aforesaid purpose of public worship, paying ministerial charges, and building and repairing a meeting-

house for publick worship therein, and be hereby released from any future ministerial charges and building and repairing a meeting-house in said Cornwall.

Upon the memorial of Seth Smith of Stonington, administrator on the estate of Benajah Park late of said Stonington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £28 16 2, lawful money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £28 16 2, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £28 16 2, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking direction of the court of probate for the district of Stonington therein.

Upon the memorial of Benoni Hilliard of Saybrook, representing that James Wright of Saybrook, deceas'd, mortgaged to the Governor and Company two tracts of land in Saybrook: one containing ten acres, the other twenty acres, redeemable on payment of £200 0 0, old tenor, the first of May, 1741; that on April 19th, 1749, said lands were sold by the Colony's agent to Ebenezer Field for £291 13 8, old tenor, who delivered possession to George Wright, and that he purchas'd said twenty acres of said George, supposing he had the legal title, and afterward purchased of said Field, but finds said Field nor Wright have no title; that he paid £30 0 0 to said Wright besides the purchase monies to said Field; that said ten acres still remains in the family of the mortgagor and is nearly of the value of the other tract; praying that on the payment of £15 0 0 to the treasury he may be quieted &c., or that on paying the sums of the original mort- [399] gage monies, deducting said sums already paid by him, ‖ he may have a deed of the whole lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Elnathan Stevens, William Worthington, Esq[rs], and Capt. Hiell Buell; be and they are hereby appointed a committee, at the cost of the memorialist, to hear, enquire and examine into all the matters alledged in said petition, and everything relative thereto, and make report thereof, and of what in their opinion ought to be done thereon, to the next General Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Nathan Merritt, of Greenwich in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Caleb Jurden late of said Greenwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly

that the debts &c. allowed against said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £37 18 10, L. money, and praying to be impowered to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £37 18 10, lawful money, with the incident charges of sale; taking direction therein of the court of probate in the district of Stamford.

Upon the memorial of Henry Tolles, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, praying to be annexed to the first society in New Haven, and no objections to the granting of the prayer of the memorial being made by the society of White Haven to which he now belongs: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Henry Tolles shall be and he is hereby annexed to the said first society, and is released and discharged from all future taxations in said White Haven society.

Upon the memorial of William Brockway jun^{r}, of Lyme in New London county, conservator to Edward Brockway of said Lyme, shewing to this Assembly that the said Edward for sundry years last past by bodily infirmity and distraction hath been and now is rendered wholly incapable to take care of himself, and at the adjourned county court holden at New London in the county aforesaid Feb'y 1st, 1774, the memorialist was appointed conservator to said Edward, and said memorialist exhibited his account to the county court holden at said New London June term, 1774, which amounted to £57 2 1½, and that the whole inventoried estate of said Edward, real and personal, amounts to £87 16*s.* 0*d*, which surmounts the debts that were due from said Edward in June last £29 19*s.* 4½*d.*, and said Edward hath ever since said June last and still is under distraction, so that debts hath been and is still arising upon him; praying for liberty to sell the whole of said Edward's estate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty granted and he is hereby fully impowered, to sell the whole of said Edward's estate, real and personal, to enable the said William to pay and discharge the debts aforesaid, and the surplus thereof to be improved for the support of said Edward.

Upon the memorial of Lidia McLane, of Lyme in New London county, administratrix on the estate of Morris McLane late of said Lyme, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the whole of the estate of said deceas'd amounts to the sum of £63 15 6, thirty pounds of which is real, and that the

debts due from said estate with the allowance made to the widow of said deceas'd for support of family, court fees &c., amounts to the sum of £63 15 6, which surmounts the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £30 0 0; praying that the memorialist or some other person may be appointed and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of thirty pounds, lawful money, to enable said memorialist to pay and discharge the debts and charges aforesaid &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and she is hereby appointed and fully impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £30 0 0, lawful money, with the incident charge arising on such sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

[400] Upon the memorial of Abner Parker of Saybrook, shewing to this Assembly that a lottery was granted for improving and rendering more useful the navigation at the mouth of Connecticut River, which hath been drawn and a committee appointed to carry said design into execution; that he, said Parker, by advice of said committee and sundry other persons, hath procured a plate and caused the same to be properly engraved to render the knowledge of the navigation of said river most extensive and useful; praying that said committee may be enabled and enjoined to pay to him the expence of procuring and engraving said plate out of the monies raised by said lottery &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 25th day of October, A. D. 1774: Resolved by this Assembly, that said committee may and shall pay to said Abner Parker out of the monies in their hands raised by said lottery the sum of thirty-six pounds five shillings, lawful money, being the amount of the expence of procuring and engraving the plate aforesaid, and that the same shall be allowed them on their account of the expenditure of the monies aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Hepsibath Comestock, of Lyme in New London county, administratrix on the estate of William Comstock formerly of said Lyme, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of New London against said deceas'd's estate surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £22 14*s.* 6*d.*, for which she hath nothing in her hands to discharge the same; praying that liberty might be granted to her or some other person, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to the sum of £22 14 6, lawful money, with

the incident charges of said sales, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that William Matson of said Lyme be appointed, and he is hereby appointed, to make sale of so much of said deceas'd's estate as shall amount to the sum of £22 14 6, L. money, together with the incident charges of said sales; taking the directions of the court of probate for New London district therein.

Upon the petition of Nathaniel Eells of Stonington, clerk, shewing that from various misfortunes, losses and disappointments, he is rendered unable to pay his just debts; praying to be freed from arrests and imprisonment on delivering up his estate to trustees for the benefit of his creditors, saving such articles as are therein mentioned, as per petition on file, and none of his creditors appearing to oppose his petition: Resolved by this Assembly, that Nathaniel Minor, Esq^{r}, Gilbert Fanning and John Denison 4th, of Stonington, be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the estate of said Eells, with full power to receive and dispose of the same, and with the same powers and authorities to execute said trust as trustees appointed by a late law of this Colony, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors, were by said act invested with. And upon the petitioner making a legal assignment of all his estate, real, personal and mixed, in law and equity, and all his credits and securities of every kind, excepting only his household furniture, library of books, one horse and one cow, to said trustees for the use of his creditors, he shall not be liable to any arrest or imprisonment for or on account of any debt from him now due or oweing; and a certificate under the hands of said trustees that such assignment is made shall be a sufficient warrant to any officer to discharge the petitioner from any arrest or imprisonment on account of said debts; and the future estate of the petitioner, except his household furniture, library of books, one horse and one cow, shall be liable to pay his said debts: but said articles excepted as aforesaid shall not be liable to execution for payment of any of his said debts.

[401] Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Minor, Esq^{r}, William Morgan and others, inhabitants of the first society in Stonington, shewing that they live at Long Point in said society, and are far remote from the place of publick worship there; that said place has greatly increased in numbers within a few years past; that the inhabitants of said point and

thereabout are generally poor and unable to build a house to meet for public worship; that if they had a house to meet in for that purpose they apprehend the growth of irreligion and impiety would be prevented &c.; praying for a lottery to build a meeting-house &c.; on which a committee have been appointed, who have reported in favour of said memorial and affixed a place for building &c., which report is accepted: And thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to raise by way of lottery the sum of £400 0 0, lawful money, to be applied for the purpose mentioned in said memorial, and also the further sum of £30 0 0, lawful money, to defray the expence of such lottery. And Nathaniel Minor, Esq^{r}, Joseph Denison 2^{d}, John Dennison 4th, Peleg Cheesebrough and John Brown jun^{r}, all of said Stonington, or any three of them accepting said trust, are hereby appointed managers and directors of said lotteries, who shall be jointly holden to make good all benefit tickets drawn in such lotteries, and shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their said trust, and the adventurers in said lotteries shall have their remedy against said managers for the benefit tickets by them drawn in manner aforesaid. And the monies so raised by said lotteries shall be laid out and applied to the purposes aforesaid, and an account thereof be rendered to the General Assembly when demanded.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Austin, of Suffield in the county of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that on the evening of the ninth of May, A. D. 1774, he had his dwelling-house consumed by fire and therein a large number of receipts to the amount of several hundred pounds lawful money, his books of account and a number of deeds of several pieces of land, all unrecorded, were likewise consumed, and that thereby he conceives himself in danger of paying over again large sums of money, of losing the monies due to him by book, and that his title to the aforesaid lands are thereby also rendered very precarious and uncertain, having lost his receipts, books and deeds as aforesaid, his only vouchers in the several respects forementioned &c.; praying for a committee, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Messrs. Alexander King, Esq^{r}, Shem Burbanks and Benjamin Bancroft, all of said Suffield, be a committee, and they are hereby appointed a committee, with full power and authority to convene before them all and every person or persons interested or who are any wise concerned in any of the matters and facts alledged in the memorial above referred

to, at such time and place as said committee shall appoint, said committee first giving three weeks notice in the public papers of the time of such meeting, and to enquire into the matters and facts aforesaid by the oaths of the parties or other evidence, and by such ways and means as they shall judge proper, so that truth and equity may be had and done in the premises; and of the facts they shall find therein, with their opinion thereon, report to make to this Assembly in May next, or to some future Assembly.

On the memorial of Abigail Clark and David Clark, executors of the last will and testament of David Clark of Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that there is an addition of debts exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of David Clark late of Stratford, deceas'd, since the certificate exhibited to the General Assembly in May last, to the amount of £40 5 6, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell land, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby impowered, to sell so much of the land or real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £40 5 6, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

[402] Upon the memorial of Amos Brownson of Salisbury, and Timothy Brownson and Abigail Brownson both of Lanesborough in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, executors of the last will and testament of Timothy Brownson late of Salisbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £83 4 8, L. money, and that said deceas'd made no provision in his will for the payment thereof; praying that some meet person may be authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £83 4 8, together with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Amos Brownson have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £83 4 8, L. money, together with the incident charges of sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Sharon therein.

On the memorial of Joseph Wells, of Haddam in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of Doct. Thomas Anderson, of Lyme in New London county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, funeral charges and

court fees of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of the estate £34 5 0, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell land for payment thereof &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £34 5 0, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of New London therein; and to pass deed or deeds accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Denham Palmer, of Greenwich in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of John Austin late of said Greenwich, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. allowed against said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £117 10 8, lawful money, and praying to be impowered to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be impowered and he is hereby impowered, to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £117 10 8, lawful money, with the incident charges of sale; taking direction therein of the court of probate in the district of Stamford.

Upon the memorial of Hannah and Elias Austin, administrators on the estate of Jacob Austin late of Suffield, deceas'd, praying for liberty to sell of the real estate of the said deceas'd to discharge the debts due from said estate to the amount of £51 0 4¼, L. money, with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and it is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £51 0 4¼, L. money, to discharge the aforesaid debts and charges with incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

On the memorial of David Cressey of Waterbury, administrator on the estate of Mary Cressey late of Woodbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges arising on said estate amount to the sum of £3 4 0, L. money, and that there is no moveable estate to satisfy the same; praying for authority to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will satisfy the said sum, as by said memorial appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said David Cressey have authority, and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said debts and charges

together with incident charges arising thereon; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Woodbury therein.

[403] Upon the memorial of Thomas Fuller and Rebekah Robbins of Windham, executors of the last will and testament of John Robbins late of said Windham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £49 9 0, lawful money, and that said deceas'd made no provision in his will for the payment thereof; praying that some meet person or persons may be authorized to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the said sum of £49 9 0 together with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Thomas Fuller have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £49 9 0, L. money, together with incident charges of sale; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Windham therein.

Upon the memorial of Enos Gun, Ebenezer Scott, Sarah Gunn, Jobamah Gunn, Abel Gunn, David Wooster, John Weed, Noah Cande, Ebenezer Osborn, Thomas Osborn, Nathaniel Gunn, praying for the privilege of a school district, beginning at a stake, called Twelve Mile Stake, in the line between Derby and Waterbury, then running northwardly to the saw-mill place near Dan Williams', then to the north-east corner of Jobamah Gunn's farm, from thence northwestwardly to a bridge near where Mishaduck Brook runs out of the meadow, then west to Woodbury line, then southward to the southwest corner of Waterbury, then to the first mentioned corner:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the inhabitants living within the said described limits and bounds, except Abraham Lewis and Daniel Osborn, shall be and they are hereby constituted a school district, with all the privileges and emoluments usually belonging to school districts in this Colony; and said Abraham Lewiss and Daniel Osborn have liberty to belong to said district or not, at their election. And said inhabitants are hereby authorized and impowered to lay taxes by the major vote of the inhabitants legally met, for the purpose of raising monies to maintain a school in said district, and to appoint officers to collect the same, which shall be under the same regulations that officers are who are appointed by societies in this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Abigail Williams, administatrix on the estate of Nathaniel Williams late of Stonington, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate the sum of £417 19 2; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £417 19 2 and incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probates for the district of Stonington therein.

Upon the memorial of Titus Bunnell and others, settlers and living upon the five westermost tier of lots west of the reserved lands, so called, and north of the society of New Cambridge in the town of Farmington in the county of Hartford, shewing that there are about seventy-five families now settled upon said lands, that their whole lists amount to about £3500 0 0, that they live at a great distance from the place of public worship in the societies to which they respectively belong &c.; praying to be made a distinct society &c.: *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the said five westermost tier of lots and the inhabitants thereon, bounded south upon the society of New Cambridge, east upon the first society in said Farmington, north partly upon the line between the town of Symsbury and partly upon the line between the town of New Hartford and said town of Farmington, and west upon the town of Harwington, saving and excepting John Strong, Esq^{r}, and Simeon Strong his son, living upon the second tier of the said lots, and their improved lands, to wit, [404] east of a north and || south line on the west side of their said improvements from Litchfield road, so called, to the south side of the said John's farm, shall and they are hereby constituted and made a distinct, separate ecclesiastical society, by the name of West Britain,* with the same powers and privileges that other societies by law have and do enjoy.

Upon the memorial of Richard Dickinson, administrator on the estate of John Dickinson late of Saybrook, deceas'd, shewing that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd surmount his real estate £225 12 4¾, and that the real estate is so circumstanced as will be attended with great loss unless the whole be sold; praying liberty to sell the whole real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby impowered to sell the whole real estate of said deceas'd: first

* Incorporated as the town of Burlington, May, 1806.

giving bond to the court of probate for the district of Guilford to account to said court for the surplus of the monies arising on the sale of said estate, if any be, and taking the direction of the said court of probate in the sale of said estate.

Upon the memorial of Abigail Hitchcock, administratrix upon the estate of Joseph Hitchcock, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of the estate the sum of £13 14 11; praying for liberty to sell of the real estate of said deceas'd sufficient to pay said sum &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Mary Turner, administratrix upon the estate of Isaac Turner, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of the estate of said deceas'd the sum of £48 16 4½; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the charge of such sale &c., as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum £48 16 4½ together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of the listers of Lyme for the year 1773, shewing that the additions to said list was duly returned in May last, but by mistake not entered; praying the same may be now received and entered &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said additions and fourfolds, *viz.* £231 6 0, single additions, £204 10 0, fourfolds, be received and added to the list of said town of Lyme as though the same had been added in May last.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Brooker, of Stamford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Silvanus Silleck late of said Stamford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts allowed against said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £12 14 6, lawful money; praying to be impowered to sell real

estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased to raise said sum of £12 14 6, L. money, with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction therein of the court of probate in the district of Stamford.

[405] Upon the memorial of Timothy Burnham jun^{r} of Hartford, administrator with his will annexed on the estate of David Burnham late of said Hartford, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the moveables of said estate in the sum of £21 12 9; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said debts and the incident charges, as by said memorial on file, dated the tenth of October, 1774, appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and hereby he is impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall satisfy said debts and the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Moses Burnham, shewing to this Assembly the necessity of a ferry across the meadow in flood times, on the east side of Connecticut River in Hartford; praying to be constituted the keeper of said ferry: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memoralist be and he is hereby appointed to keep the ferry across said meadow in flood time, and to have and keep a good, sufficient boat for the transportation of men, horses and carriages &c., and to be subject to the general laws respecting ferry-men; and the fare of said ferry shall be, when the boat goes from near the meadow gate to the high lands by Daniel Pitkin's across said meadow, or when there shall be two ferriages in said meadow, for a single person two pence; for a man and horse, six pence, and for a horse and carriage, one shilling; a led horse, three pence; ox or other neat kine, three pence; for a sheep, hog or goat, one penny, lawful money, and for going half across said meadow and landing on the high land in about the middle of the said meadow shall be taken only one half of the sums as above stated.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Hall and others, members of the society of Merriden in Wallingford, called and known by the name of the Minor Party, so called, shewing that the society of said Merriden called the Major Party have and do tax the children of the memorialists for the support of their minister as soon as they come of age, and also all such per-

sons as have since October, 1769, settled within the limits of said society; that said society of Merriden at their meeting in December, 1772, laid a rate of one penny farthing on the pound, to pay their costs in sundry matters litigated before the Assembly and for other charges exclusive of the support of the minister, which rate amounted to £33 11 0; that said society in November, 1767, were indebted in the sum of £4 13 2, and no more, antecedent to the laying said tax, as per memorial &c.; praying for relief &c.; whereupon a committee has been appointed &c., and have made report, which is now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the children of the memorialists who have been taxed by the major party for the support of their minister since they come of age shall be exempted and discharged from paying any and all such taxes; and that the children of all persons living within the limits of said society when they shall arrive to full age shall have liberty within six months to make their election to which party they will belong, by entering his or their name or names with the town clerk in Wallingford, specifying to which party he or they will belong; and in case of their neglecting so to enter their name or names, they shall and may be taxed by that party to which their parents do or shall belong; and that all such person or persons who have settled within the limits of said society since October, 1769, or that shall hereafter settle or dwell therein, shall have liberty within six months next after the first day of December next, or within six months next after his or their settling or coming to dwell in said society, of electing to which party he or they will belong, in manner aforesaid. And it is further resolved, that upon the memorialists paying their proportionable part of said sum of £4 13 2, that they shall and they are hereby exempted and discharged from the aforesaid tax granted by said society in December, 1772; and the said society shall pay back and refund to Moses Mitchell jun^{r} the sum of five shillings and three pence, which they had collected from him, he being one of said minor party.

[406] Upon the memorial of Henry Allyn, Josiah Phelps and David Elsworth, selectmen of the town of Windsor, shewing to this Assembly that John Thomson jun^{r}, constable of the town of Windsor and collector of the Colony tax in said town, on the list 1762, has failed, and thereby a large debt fell on said town to settle up said rate, and that on the selectmen's taking said collector's estate and rate-bill into their hands, it appears that said collector soon after his enter-

ing on said collecting business committed sundry persons named in his list to goal, whose rates and cost of commitment amount to the sum of £17 16 5, but neglected to get the same credited on the Treasurer's book, as was then allowed to other creditors in such case, and the Treasurer judging it not in his power to credit the same now since the time limited for receiving abatements is lapsed, and praying that said sum may be allowed in favour to the inhabitants of said town, and that the Treasurer be ordered to credit the same, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said sum of £17 16 5 be credited to the memorialists in settling said tax; and the Treasurer of this Colony is ordered to credit the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Seymour, executor of the last will of Thomas Seymour, Esq^{r}, deceas'd, shewing that there is now due in debts from the estate of the said deceas'd, in addition to what he hath before been allowed, the sum of £588 3 2½, lawful money, more than the amount of the personal estate, and that part of the real estate of said deceas'd subjected by said will &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said executor have and he hereby hath full power, liberty and authority, to sell and dispose of so much of the residue of said real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and reimburse himself the said sum of £588 3 2½, L. money, with the incident charges of sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate therein.

Upon the memorial of Luther Shepard, executor of the last will and testament of Joseph Shepard, shewing that said testator in and by said will gave to his daughter Mary a legacy of forty pounds, lawful money, for her portion in his estate, which is the whole he gave her; that there is no estate to satisfy said sum to her but by sale of the real estate of said testator; praying for liberty to sell the same &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy said sum to the said Mary with the incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Richard Law, Jeremiah Miller, Thomas Mumford, Duncan Steward, Esq^{rs}, and the rest of the proprietors of a school-house in New London, shewing to this Assembly that they have at great cost erected a school-house for the advancement of learning, hired and paid school-

masters &c., and that difficulties attend their prosecuting their designs from their not being incorporated &c.; praying they may be made a body corporate &c., as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the proprietors of said school-house be and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, and shall be called and known by the name of the Union School in New London, and they and their successors, proprietors of said school-house, have, and they have hereby granted unto them, to have perpetual succession, and shall and may be persons able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and implead, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended, in all and [407] singular suits, || causes, matters, actions and things whatsoever, and also to have, take, possess, acquire and purchase lands and estates, real, personal and mixed, not exceeding the sum of three thousand pounds, lawful money, and the same to sell and dispose of as any other corporation may lawfully do. And said proprietors of said Union School and their successors shall and may have a common seal, to serve and use for all causes, matters and things and affairs whatsoever, of them and their successors, and the same to alter at their will and pleasure. And for the better ordering the affairs of said school-house and school, the proprietors and their successors have hereby granted to them full power and authority to choose a committee, to consist of such number of persons as to them shall seem fit and meet, to order and direct the prudentials of said school from time to time, who shall have full power to make such rules and orders as they judge necessary for the management and ordering the affairs of said school, which rules and orders shall be binding on all concerned therein unless the same are revoked and disannulled by the proprietors of said school, which they are hereby impowered at any of their legal meetings to do. And said proprietors of said school and their successors are hereby enabled and impowered to choose a clerk and any other officers they judge necessary to advance the best interest of said school, and such officers so chosen shall continue in their respective offices until by said proprietors or their committee they shall be removed. And all the votes of the voters present at any meeting of said proprietors shall be determined by a majority of the interest of the members present. Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to exempt any of the proprietors of said school from any duties or taxes which by law they are subjected to, nor shall they by this act be intituled to any donations, grants

or public monies already made or which may hereafter be made for the purposes of advancing schooling, unless the same be given expressly to said Union School.

The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen to stand for Election in May next, as sent in to the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1774, are as follow, viz:

The Hon^{ble} Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r},
The Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r},

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r},	Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r},
Shubael Conant, Esq^{r},	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r},	James Abrah. Hilhouse, Esq^{r},
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r},	Mr. Saml. Huntington, of Nor.
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r},	Major Erastus Wolcott,
William Pitkin, Esq^{r},	Major Saml. Holden Parsons,
Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},	Mr. Richard Law,
Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r},	Mr. Daniel Sherman,
William Saml Johnson, Esq^{r},	Colo. William Williams.

This Assembly do appoint David Judson of Stratford Surveyor of Lands within and for the county of Fairfield.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Eliashib Adams to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Windham until the first day of June next.

[408] The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate of the several Towns in this Colony for the Year 1774, as returned to this Assembly, viz.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Hartford,	49035	15	6
Windsor,	24445	17	9
Symsbury,	35306	4	0
East Windsor,	27723	0	0
Glastonbury,	19317	8	0
Suffield,	19905	19	0
Weathersfield,	33833	11	9
Midletown,	43153	0	0
Willington,	8974	4	6
Tolland,	14211	16	6
Haddam,	15709	10	3
Bolton,	10755	1	6
Somers,	9624	11	0
Chatham,	23694	6	0
East Hadam,	27738	3	11
Colchester,	34787	11	6
Stafford,	11047	6	0
Enfield,	12683	15	0
Farmington,	67518	14	11
Hebron,	22356	1	0
New Haven,	72395	8	9

Durham,	13307	12	0
Darby,	19729	2	10
Branford,	23912	0	0
Guilford,	35462	14	7
Wallingford,	51051	5	3
Waterbury,	39826	18	0
Milford,	29241	1	3
New London,	36423	12	1
Norwich,	68649	4	6
Stonington,	37839	3	8
Saybrook,	27293	1	10
Preston,	24214	1	3
Lyme,	28542	5	7
Killingworth,	21055	0	9
Groton,	26909	8	3
Fairfield,	51004	10	3
Stratford,	52000	0	0
Reading,	14161	10	7
Greenwich,	24340	12	1
Stamford,	34398	17	9
Danbury,	30112	13	0
Ridgefield,	17969	16	0
Norwalk,	44076	2	1½
Newtown,	23664	8	9
New Fairfield,	13064	13	2
Windham,	30974	6	0
Lebanon,	41051	16	10
Canterbury,	19861	11	9
Pomfret,	28129	19	0
Woodstock,	22600	0	0
Coventry,	20982	6	10
Mansfield,	22699	12	2
Plainfield,	14613	8	0
Voluntown,	13534	1	6
Killingley,	26242	1	6
Ashford,	18027	3	6
Litchfield,	22865	9	0
New Hartford,	9327	2	0
Sharon,	17956	16	0
Salisbury,	15879	18	8
Kent,	16774	7	9
Woodbury,	60600	2	9
Goshen,	11989	0	0
Harwington,	8744	4	0
New Milford,	29224	0	0

Torrington, ...	6373	5	0
Cornwall, ...	9900	0	0
Canaan, ...	15333	6	0
Westmoreland, ...	13083	12	0

Upon the petition of Nathaniel Sherman Lewiss, of Stratford in the county of Fairfield, an insolvent debtor, and others, creditors to said Lewiss, against John Roe, Cyrus Belden, Nathaniel Cary, William Wingfield, Sam[l] Bradstreet, Sam[l] Barrett, John Barrett and John Barrett jun[r], said Barretts being merchants in company, all of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusets Bay, and others named in said petition, dated September 8th, 1774, as on file: The question was put, whether the prayer of this petition should be granted, and resolved by this Assembly in the negative.

[409] John Brockway, Ebenezer Brockway, Richard Brockway, Ezra Brockway, Eliphalet Brockway, Edward Brockway and Ambrose Niles, all of Lyme in the county of New London, preferred their certain memorial against Samuel Selden, Esq[r], Jonathan Warner, Moses Noyes, Rebecca Ely, Ann Selden and Gideon Brockway, all of Lyme aforesaid, dated September 16th, 1773, as on file, by several continuances now lies before this Assembly; and now the memorialists being publickly called did not appear to prosecute the same. The respondents by their attorney, Samuel Holden Parsons, Esq[r], appeared and put in their bill of cost for attendance &c. to answer said memorial, which is allowed by this Assembly to be the sum of £10 13 4, L. money. *Ex. granted Nov. 3d*, 1774.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Hon[ble] Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, for the last half of his salary the current year.

His Honor the Governor is hereby desired to convene and meet in Council at Hartford at such time as he shall appoint, to consider and consult upon the critical situation of affairs now subsisting, and whether it be necessary or expedient to convene the General Assembly at any time between the stated session of this Assembly, or, if he shall judge it needful and expedient, to convene the said General Assembly without first consulting his Council.*

* A session of the Council was held at Hartford on the 4th and 5th days of January, 1775. The record is lost, but the editor has a copy of a vote

Resolved by this Assembly, That all the business, matters and things now lying before this Assembly undetermined shall be and the same are hereby continued to the sessions of this Assembly to be holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May next.

Upon the memorial of David Wooster, Esq^{r}, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that by misfortune in trade and the confinement of his son in a distant part of the Kingdom, he is under a necessity of raising a large sum of money; praying that he may have the benefit of the public monies of the Colony in his hands as naval officer, during a limited time, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have and hereby is granted the loan of such monies as are now due, which is the sum of £814 13 7, lawful money, to the Colony treasury from the naval office of the district of New Haven, upon his giving such security in real estate for the payment thereof with interest in the space of two years as the committee hereby appointed shall judge sufficient. And James Abraham Hilhouse and Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, are hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of taking the security aforesaid.

Upon the petition of Sarah Wolcott, wife of Jeremiah Wolcott, praying for a bill of divorce, for the reasons and causes therein alledged, which hath already been granted to her, as by the records of this Assembly fully appears, whereupon a committee was appointed to enquire into the circumstances

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passed on the 4th, certified by Wm. Pitkin Clerk of the Council, directing the Treasurer to procure for the use of the Colony six hundred half-barrels or three hundred barrels of gunpowder, fifteen tons of lead and sixty thousand good flints. Roger Sherman, by a letter dated New Haven, Feb. 27, 1775, informed the Treasurer that he had bought for the Colony 90 half-barrels of powder, 3½ c. of lead, which was all he could get in New York, and 30,500 flints. The expense of the whole, including freight and his services, was £577 10 10, lawful money.

A proclamation was issued, dated at the Council Chamber, Hartford, Jan. 5th, appointing Wednesday February 1st as a fast. This was not the regular annual fast, which was subsequently appointed for Wednesday, April 19th.

Some action was also taken relative to the Susquehannah controversy. *Am. Archives*, 4th series, I, 1077, 1135, 1139, 1177, *Id.* II, 278.

Measures were taken to import powder, some of which arrived at New London in April, 1775, *Rev. War*, iii, 640, Id. xxxi, 55, 56, *Am. Archives*, I, 1077.

The Governor and Council, May 4th, 1775, made another order, directing the Treasurer "to procure and purchase, forthwith or as soon as may be, three hundred barrels or six hundred half barrels of gun powder, twenty tons of lead and forty thousands flints for the use of this Colony." *Certified copy of the Resolve, in the Editor's possession.*

and situation of the goods and estate belonging to the said Jeremiah and Sarah at the time of bringing said petition &c., and said committee having made their report in the premises, which is now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Jeremiah shall take and have all the goods, chattels or personal estate of the said Sarah, of what nature or kind soever, or wheresoever it may or can be found, to which he was or may be entituled by force of his marriage with the said Sarah, and that the said Sarah shall also have, possess and enjoy all the real estate to which she is or would have been entituled in the same manner and form as though her said marriage had never taken place with him, the said Jeremiah.

This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c. until his Honor the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

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[411] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quinto.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN BY ADJOURNMENT AND SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF SAID COLONY ON THURSDAY THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1775.*

Present:

The Hon^ble^ Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^r^, *Governor.*

The Hon^ble^ Mathew Griswold, Esq^r^, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^r^,	Roger Sherman, Esq^r^,	*Assistants.*
Shubael Conant, Esq^r^,	Abraham Davenport, Esq^r^,	
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^r^,	William Samuel Johnson, Esq^r^,	
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^r^,	Joseph Spencer, Esq^r^,	
Jabez Huntington, Esq^r^,	Oliver Wolcott, Esq^r^,	
William Pitkin, Esq^r^,	James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^r^,	

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Colo. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.

Capt. Josiah Bissell, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Windsor.

Colo. Jonathan Pettibone, Colo. Jonathan Humphry, for Symsbury.

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*The session was adjourned on Friday, March 10th, *Am. Archives*, II, 114.

Mr. William Wolcott, Colo. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Alex[r] King, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Maj[r]. Thomas Belding, Mr. Silas Dean, for Weathersfield.
Colo. Mathew Talcott, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. Moses Holmes, Maj[r] Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Mr. Samuel Cobb, Mr. Eleazer Steel, for Tolland.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, for Haddam.
Capt. Joel White, Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.
[412] Mr. Zerah Kibbee, Mr. Reuben Sikes, for Somers.
Mr. David Sage, Mr. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Maj[r] Henry Champion, Mr. John Watrous, for Colchester.
Mr. Josiah Converse, Mr. Joshua Fuller, for Stafford.
Mr. Edward Collins, Maj[r] Nath[l] Terry, for Enfield.
Capt. Daniel Ingham, Capt. Obadiah Hosford, for Hebron.
Colo. John Strong, Colo. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Joshua Chandler, for New Haven.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Colo. James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. James Beard, for Derby.
Mr. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. John Burgiss, Colo. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Mr. Oliver Stanly, Maj[r] Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Colo. Jonathan Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Capt. John Fowler, Maj[r] David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benjamin Huntington, for Norwich.
Maj[r] Charles Phelps, Mr. Samuel Prentiss, for Stonington.
Mr. Samuel Field, Colo. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Mr. Robert Crary, Capt. James Morgan, for Preston.
Mr. John Lay, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Capt. Elnathan Stevens, Mr. Hezekiah Lane, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Stephen Billings, for Groton.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. William Hawley, for Redding.
Maj[r] John Mead, Mr. Peter Mead, for Greenwich.
Colo. David Waterbury, Colo. Charles Webb, for Stamford.
Colo. Philip Burr Bradley, Mr. Samuel Olmsted, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Thomas Belding, Mr. Thadeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Capt. Henry Glover, Capt. Peter Nichols, for Newtown.
Mr. Zacheus Towner, Mr. Alex[r] Fairchild, for New Fairfield.

Colo. Joseph P. Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Mr. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jr., for Lebanon.
Mr. Solomon Pain, for Canterbury.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Elisha Lord, for Pomfret.
Mr. Caleb May, Capt. Timothy Perrin, for Woodstock.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Colo. Experience Storrs, for Mansfield.
Capt. Isaac Coit, Colo. John Douglas, for Plainfield.
Majr James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Simeon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
Capt. Benja. Sumner, Mr. Elijah Whiton, for Ashford.
Mr. Jedediah Strong, Capt. Daniel Welch, for Litchfield.
Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Majr Ebenezer Gay, for Sharon.
[413] Colo. Joshua Porter, for Salisbury.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel, Capt. Justus Sacket, for Kent.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Edmund Beach, for Goshen.
Capt. John Willson, Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
Majr Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Boardman, for New Milford.
Majr Epaphras Sheldon, Mr. Noah Marshall, for Torrington.
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwall.
Colo. Charles Burrell, for Canaan.
Capt. Zebulon Butler, Mr. Joseph Sluman, for Westmoreland.

William Williams, Esqr, Speaker, } of the House of
Richard Law, Esqr, Clerk, } Representatives.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Ebenezer Norton of Goshen be authorized and he is hereby impowered, (not only to sell and give deeds) but also to lease out the messuage in said Goshen lately conveyed by deed of Samuel Pettibone to the Governor and Company, according to his best discretion, and to use all lawful ways to eject and get Samuel Pettibone out of the possession of the premises, and to render his account to this Assembly.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Josiah Bissell, and Colo. Jonathan Humphry, Esqrs, Overseers, and Capt. John Viets Master or Keeper of Newgate Prison during the pleasure of this Assembly.

An Act for regulating Naval Officers.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That each and every naval officer in this Colony that now is or may be hereafter appointed, shall become bound before the Governor for the time being with two sufficient sureties, freeholders in this Colony, by a bond or recognizance in the sum of one thousand pounds to the Treasurer of the Colony, for the faithful discharge of said office and the payment of all such sum or sums of money into the public treasury that he or they may receive for duties or impost on rum or other articles of goods and merchandise on which an impost or duty is or may be laid by act of this Assembly. And in case he or they shall neglect or refuse to give such bond as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor for the time being to remove and disqualify such officer or officers from holding or transacting in said office, and to appoint others in their room and stead.

Upon representation made to his Honor, Governor Trumbull, in writing, by William Gould, Esq^{r}, of Branford, by his letter bearing date March 4th, 1775, that one Jonah, calling himself a freeman, a native of one of the Cape de Verd Islands, has applied to him, alledging that he being free-born was sold by Robert Old, of said Branford, to Ebenezer Lindsey, of said town, a slave for life, and is now unjustly in an actual state of slavery, as per said representation on file: It [414] is thereupon ‖ resolved, that James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{r}, and Samuel Bishop, Esq^{r}, be a committee to search out the truth of said representation and take proper evidence of the facts, and the same to report to this Assembly in May next. And the said William Gould is hereby authorized to protect and keep said Jonah until a rule of this Assembly shall be made thereupon.

It being represented to this Assembly that Abraham Blackslee of New Haven, captain of a military company in the second regiment in this Colony, is disaffected to this government and the privileges thereof as established by charter, and has frequently spoken contemptuously of the measures taken by this Assembly for maintaining the same, and threatened to act in his office in opposition to the lawful authority of the Colony, contrary to the duty of his office*: Resolved by this Assembly, that James A. Hilhouse and Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a com-

* Testimony is found in *Revolutionary War*, I, 396, 397.

mittee to enquire into said matters and make report of what they find with their opinion thereon to this Assembly at the next session.

It having been represented to this Assembly, that Isaac Quintard, of Stamford in the county of Fairfield, captain of the second military company in the town of Stamford in the ninth regiment in this Colony, and Filer Dibble of said Stamford, captain of the first military company in the town of Stamford in said regiment, at said Stamford in January last, in contempt of the authority in this Colony, did attempt and endeavour to prevent the introduction of certain barrels of gun-powder into this Colony for the goverment's use, agreeable to the order and directions of legal authority, *which conduct is inconsistent with the duty of their said office and of dangerous tendency: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that Gold Selleck Silliman and Jonathan Sturgiss, Esq[rs], be and they are hereby appointed commissioners and are fully authorized and impowered to notify said Quintard and Dibble to appear before them at such time and place as shall be by them appointed, and to examine the witnesses relative to said conduct, and to examine into the truth of said representation, and to report what they shall find to the General Assembly at their sessions in May next.

It being represented to this House, that the towns of Ridgefield and Newtown have come into and published certain resolutions injurious to the rights of this Colony,† in direct opposition to the reported resolves of this House, and of dangerous tendency:

Resolved, That Colo. Joseph Platt Cook and Colo. John

* The Earl of Dartmouth had communicated to the Colonies an order of the King in Council of October 19th, 1774, prohibiting the exportation from Great Britain of gun-powder, or any kind of arms or ammunition. *American Archives*, I, 1881.

The deputy collector of customs at Stamford, acting probably under this order, seized Feb. 1st, 1775, at the house of Capt. Quintard, innkeeper in that town, some powder which was being brought into the Colony.

Captain Quintard published in the *Connecticut Journal*, (New Haven,) of March 1st, 1775, a long narrative of the affair, exculpating himself, and accompanied by a certificate from the deputy collector that the information respecting the powder did not come from Capt. Quintard.

A confession and recantation of toryism by Capt. Dibble, dated September 26th, 1775, was published in the newspapers. *American Archives*, III, 812.

† The resolutions of Ridgefield, disapproving and protesting against the measures of the Continental Congress, may be seen in *Teller's History of Ridgefield*, 45, and *American Archives*, I, 1202. The resolves of Newtown are also printed in the last mentioned volume, col. 1215.

Read be a committee to enquire into the truth of said representation, and how far any person or persons holding commissions under this government have been any ways active or concerned in promoting the measures taken by said towns; and report make of what they shall find to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford in May next.

This Assembly do appoint Jedidiah Elderkin, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the fifth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of the Hon^{bl}^{e} Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r}, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Experience Storrs, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the fifth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Jedidiah Elderkin, Esq^{r}, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Thomas Brown to be Major of the fifth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Experience Storrs, Esq^{r}, promoted.

[415] This Assembly appoints Increase Mosely jun^{r} Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the thirteenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Bostwick, who has resigned.

This Assembly appoints Samuel Canfield, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the thirteenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Major Mosely advanced.

This Assembly do appoint Mathew Talcott, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the sixth regiment in this Colony, in the room of Elisha Williams, Esq^{r}, who hath resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Belding of Weathersfield, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Mathew Talcott, Esq^{r}, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Ward jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, Colonel of the seventh regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Aaron Eliot, Esq^{r}, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Lee jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the fifteenth regiment in this Colony, in the room of John Strong, Esq^{r}, who hath resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Fisher Gay, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the fifteenth regiment in this Colony, in the room of Isaac Lee, Esq^{r}, advanced.

This Assembly do appoint Simeon Strong, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the fifteenth regiment in this Colony, in the room of Abijah Catlin, Esq^{r}, who hath resigned.

This Assembly do appoint William Worthington, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the seventh regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieutenant-Colo. John Eliott, who has resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Silvanus Graves, Esq^{r}, to be

Major of the seventh regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Majr William Worthington advanced.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Webb, Esqr, to be Colonel of the ninth regiment in this Colony, in the room of Thomas Fitch, Esqr, who hath resigned.

This Assembly do appoint David Waterbury junr, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the ninth regiment in this Colony, in the room of Charles Webb, Esqr, advanced.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Pierce junr to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Pierce to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Pierce to be Ensign of of the fourth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Newell to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

[416] This Assembly do establish Amasa Loomiss to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of East Windsor in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Tudor to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of East Windsor in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Birge to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Bolton in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Grant to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of East Windsor in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Sadd to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the town of East Windsor in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Grant to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the town of East Windsor in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Griswold to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Lyme in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Kibbee to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the society of Ellington in the town of East Windsor.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Cooper to be Lieutenant

of the seventh company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Stevenson to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Whitmore to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Blackman to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Merick to be Captain of the south company or trainband in the town of Willington.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Peirson junr to be Lieutenant of the south company or trainband in the town of Willington.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Hoit to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Willington.

This Assembly do establish Medad Hills to be Captain of the east company or trainband in the town of Goshen.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Smith to be Lieutenant of the east company or trainband in the town of Goshen.

This Assembly do establish Miles Norton to be Ensign of the east company or trainband in the town of Goshen.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Andruss to be Captain of the company or trainband in Winchester in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hills to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in Winchester in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Benedict to be Ensign of the company or trainband in Winchester, in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Adams to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

[417] This Assembly do establish John Kimball to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Douglass to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Mason to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Waterman to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Lee jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zadock Granger to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Fellows to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the town of Tolland, in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Steel to be Lieutenant of the north company or trainband in the town of Tolland, in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Day to be Ensign of the north company or trainband in the town of Tolland, in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ithamar Harvey to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Wills to be Ensign of the south company or trainband in the town of Tolland in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Perkins jun^{r} to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Carew to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Huntington to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Felt jun^{r} to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Palmer jun^{r} to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Robbins to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Morgan to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Waterman Clift to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Clark to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Bottom to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abiel Pease to be Captain of the south company or trainband in the town of Somers.

[418] This Assembly do establish John Gordon jun^{r} to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Moses Campbell to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Edmond to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Sherebiah Butt to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Bacon to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Lyon to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benajah Leffingwell to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Waterman to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob DeWit to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Simons 2d to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Enfield.

This Assembly do establish Richard Abbe to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Enfield.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Terry to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Enfield.

This Assembly do establish Peter Kibbee to be Lieutenant

of the fourth company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Converse junr to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Strong to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Cady junr to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Comfort Day to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Stodard to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Roger Riley to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Savage to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hart to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

[419] This Assembly do establish John Ely to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Burr to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in Greenfield in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Hill to be Ensign of a company or trainband in Greenfield, in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Hutchinson junr to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Paul Brigham to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Terrill to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Chamberlin to be Captain of a troop of horse in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David McCluir to be Lieutenant of a troop of horse in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Durham to be Cornet of a troop of horse in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noah Chapin junr to be Quarter-Master of a troop of horse in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Rowley to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Gilbert to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Mack to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Moses to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Kimball to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Sedgwick to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Strong to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Porter junr to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Scott to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Emory Pease to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Wood 2d to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

[420] This Assembly do establish Harbour Howard Wood to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Lathrop jun^r^ to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joshua Smith to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliakim Brainerd to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Ventrus to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Arnold to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Hibbard to be Captain of the 8th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Burgess to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Downing to be Ensign of the 8th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asa Bray to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Root to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Curtiss to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noah Griswold to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Marshall to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Palmer jun^r^ to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor, in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Israel Munson to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Johnson to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Gale to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Morgan to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zephaniah Alden to be Captain of the 2d company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Orcutt jun^{r} to be Lieutenant of the 2d company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Moore to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in Southwick in the town of Symsbury, in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

[421] This Assembly do establish Benjamin Bacon to be Captain of the ninth company (so called) in the 11th regiment and by the late division now belonging to the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Adams to be Lieutenant of the ninth company, so called, in the 11th regiment and by the late division now belonging to the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Ransom to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Lyme, in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Lord to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Lyme in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Woodford to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Miller to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hinman to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the society of Southbury in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William French to be Lieutenant of the north company or trainband in the society of Southbury in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Sanford to be Ensign

of the north company or trainband in the society of Southbury in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Moses Foot &c., inhabitants of the parish of Northbury in the town of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that they have with great care and expence applied themselves to the use of arms and military exercises for a considerable time, and by the help of experienced teachers greatly improved in the use of arms and the art of war, and praying this Assembly to constitute them a separate and distinct military company &c., as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists be and they are hereby constituted and made a distinct military company, and shall be distinguished by the name of the 18th company in the 10th regiment in this Colony, with power under the direction of the field officers to receive, inlist and enroll others in the room of those that shall be removed by death or otherwise from said company: Provided the inlistment and enrollment aforesaid be made from the two military companies in the parish of Northbury, in said town of Waterbury, and that said enlistment and inrollment do not reduce the number of men in the two military companies aforesaid below the number by law established. And that said company be, and they are hereby, invested with all the powers, privileges and advantages, and under the same regulations, that other companies by law are, and do enjoy. And the colonel or chief officer of said regiment is hereby impowered and directed, by himself or such officer as he shall appoint, to lead said company to the choice of their officers on their being first formed and inlisted.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Lattimer, administrator on the estate of Samuel Lattimer late of New London, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £940 12 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum with the incident charges of sale &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and authority, and liberty is hereby granted [422] him, ‖ to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sums with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Eleazer Huntington of Mansfield, conservator of the person and estate of Mr. Jonathan Cur-

tiss of said town, shewing to this Assembly that he has expended for the support of said Jonathan and his wife the sum of £58 11 11, L. money; that he exhibited his account of said expence to the adjourned county court held at Windham 3d Tuesday of Feb'y, 1775, which court examined and allowed the same; that said Jonathan hath no other estate but about fifty acres of unimproved land situate in said Mansfield; that said Jonathan is now supported at the expence of 18*s*. per week, and that the whole of said land will be soon needed for his support, and that it will be best to sell said land, the whole thereof at once; praying that some suitable person may be impowered to sell the whole of said land, and out of the avails thereof pay said sum of £58 11 11 and incident charges of sale, and the remainder, if any be, improve for the support of said Jonathan and his wife, so far as shall be needful for that purpose; as per said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell said real estate, the whole thereof, and give proper deed or deeds thereof, so as to convey said Jonathan's title therein, and of the avails thereof pay and satisfy said sum of £58 11 11 and the incident charges of said sale, and that the remainder, if any be, be properly improved for the benefit and support of said Jonathan and his wife; and that the memorialist render his reasonable account of his doings in the premises to the county court in the county of W ndham.

Upon the memorial of Simeon Rust of Kent, shewing to this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Colony hath recovered a judgment against the memorialist for a debt due to this Colony; praying for a suspension of execution &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Major Samuel Canfield and Ephraim Hubbell jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, be a committee to receive personal security for the sum of said judgment and all costs thereon, payable with interest to the Treasurer of this Colony at the end of two years from and after the rising of this Assembly. And upon the memorialist's producing such security to the acceptance of said committee within sixty days, they are hereby fully impowered to suspend or discharge said judgment accordingly, and are hereby directed to lodge said security with the said Treasurer.

On the memorial of Abigal Brooks, administratrix on the estate of Reuben Brooks late of Haddam, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £41 0 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell land &c., as

per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £41 0 0 together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein; and to pass deed or deeds accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Sabin junr and others, of New Haven, living within the limits of the town of New Haven, shewing that they have formed themselves into a military company, and have with great pains and expence endeavoured to advance military skill and exercises, and praying that they may be made a distinct military company by the name of the Second Company of the Governor's Guards, as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists be and [423] they are hereby constituted a distinct military || company, by the name of the Second Company of the Governor's Guards, consisting of sixty-four in number, rank and file, to attend upon and guard the Governor and General Assembly at all times as occasion shall require, equipped with proper arms and uniformly dressed, with power under the direction of the field officer, to elect and choose their own officers, *viz.* captain, lieutenant and ensign, and other subordinate officers that shall be necessary; and that the chief officer in said company shall have power in case of death, dismission or removal of any of said company, to enlist, receive and inroll others in the room of those so dismissed or removed: Provided the number of men in the several companies in the town of New Haven be not thereby reduced below the number by law established. And said company shall be subject to the general law, as to days and times of their training and mustering, and are hereby exempted from being called upon and from doing any military duty in any other company. And the colonel of the second regiment of militia in this Colony shall cause them to be duly warned and lead them to the choice of the captain, lieutenant and ensign &c. And that the commission officers of said company, or the major part of them, shall have full power to dismiss any member of said company upon application by them made and sufficient reasons shewn: provided nevertheless, that the person so dismissed, if liable to train before his inlistment into said company, be still liable to train according to the general laws of this Colony. And that the said second company of Guards shall have power by their major vote, to nominate and appoint

days and times of meeting for training and military exercise, over and above the days and times already limited and appointed by law for that purpose; and to affix and set fines and penalty on such soldiers as shall neglect to attend at such days and times of training and exercise, and the same by warrant from the commission officers of said company to levy and collect: provided such fines and penalties do not exceed the sums by law inflicted for the like offences in the other militia companies in this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Martha Kelsey, of Killingworth in the county of New London, administratrix on the estate of Jonah Kelsey, late of said Killingworth, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts and charges of said estate surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd and real estate sold by order of this Assembly the sum of £51 11 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell as much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay the same with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £51 11 0, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probates for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the petition of Hannah Pardy of New Haven, wife of Enos Pardy of said New Haven, a committee was appointed by the General Assembly in October last, who have made a report to this Assembly, that an unhappy disaffection and variance subsists between said Enos and the petitioner, and that she hath been cruelly used and abused, and that she hath a real estate in her own right, a part of which ought to be divided out and allotted to the petitioner; as by the report of said committee on file may fully appear: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Enos Pardy shall have the use and improvement of twenty-five acres of the petitioner's land, to be taken off from the east end of Bishop Lot, so called, lying near the house of Philip Rexford, and the petitioner shall have the sole and separate use and improvement of all the rest of her estate, both real and moveable; and the said Enos Pardy shall have no right to interfere in the use or improvement thereof: but the petitioner shall use and enjoy the same as fully in all respects as if said Pardy was not connected with her by marriage.

Upon the memorial of William Smith, James Tyler and others, inhabitants of the society of Brooklyn, representing

that they lately belonged to Capt. Abbot's company, which company was composed of soldiers taken partly from Canter-
[424] bury and partly from || Pomfret, and that the line of the 21st regiment including the said town of Canterbury so divided said Capt. Abbot's company as to leave too small a number in said Canterbury for a trainband; praying that some might be taken from said Pomfret, which belongs to the 11th regiment, and be added to the said 21st, and that all the persons living in said Pomphret south of the road from said Brooklyn meeting-house that leads westward from the dwelling-house of John Kimball to Windham bounds, and eastward of said meeting-house in a direct east line to Quinebaug River be annexed to the said 21st regiment; as per memorial on file, bearing date 16th Feb'y 1775:

It is thereupon resolved, That all the persons living in said Pomfret south of the road from Brooklyn meeting-house in said Pomphret that leads westward by the dwelling-house of John Kimball to Windham bounds and eastward of said meeting-house in a direct line to Quinebaug River be, and the said persons are hereby, annexed to the said 21st regiment.

Upon the memorial of Phineas Bradley, conservator of the person and estate of Ephraim Morriss, representing that he had expended in supporting said Morriss from April last to January last the sum of £34 9 9¾, and that the rent of the estate the year past amounted unto the sum of £13 15 0, which account having been laid before the county court holden in New Haven on the second Tuesday of January last, which account was by said court allowed, and that there is due to said conservator the sum of £20 9 9¾; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £20 9 9¾, together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £20 9 9¾ together with the incident charge of such sale.

Upon the memorial of Mary Hun, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Hun late of East Hadam in the county of Hartford, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd, the sum of £8 19 10; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as by said memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that Joseph Beckwith of said East Hadam be impowered, and he is hereby impowered, to

make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may be sufficient to raise the said sum of £8 19 10 with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of East Hadam therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Platt Cook, shewing to this Assembly that he had expended the sum of £11 12 10 in pursuing after and bringing to justice one Nathan Thomas, who was convicted of burglary before the adjourned superior court holden at Fairfield in December last, the greater part of which was expended after said Thomas was taken into the hands of justice in the Province of New York; praying for some allowance etc., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay, and he is hereby ordered to pay, out of the public treasury to the memorialist the sum of seven pounds eight shillings, lawful money.

Upon the memorial of Rebecca Johnson of Branford, executrix of the last will and testament of John Johnson late of said Branford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate surmount the moveable estate the sum of £156 14 1, and that no provision is made in the will of the deceas'd for the payment thereof; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate as to raise said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and she is hereby impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum of £156 14 1 L. money, with incident charges of such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

[425] Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Torrington, shewing to this Assembly that one Mercy Filley of said Torrington by the providence of God some years past fell into a distraction, so that she has been and still is incapable of providing for her own support, and having little or no estate and no relation by law obliged to support or provide for her, and that therefore the said town of Torrington, under the care and direction of the selectmen thereof, have already necessarily expended for her maintenance and support the sum of £86 18 4, L. money; also, that by the death of a relation in the year 1774, there is fallen to her of real estate to the value of £39 0 0, L. money, and in moveables the sum of £15 6 8, in the whole amounting to the sum of £54 6 8, L. money, which there being no person capable and by law authorized to dispose thereof, therefore praying this Assembly to authorize them, the said selectmen, or some

meet person, to sell and dispose of said estate for the use of the treasury of said town of Torrington, towards the cost and charge already arisen as aforesaid; as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Epaphras Sheldon, Esq^{r}, and Messrs. Benjamin Bissell and Ephraim Bancroft have liberty and authority, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell the said real and moveable estate and pay the avails thereof into the treasury of said town of Torrington, towards the said cost and charge already arisen as aforesaid; saving the right of the creditors of said deceas'd to said estate, if any be.

Upon the petition of Jonathan Wells, Esq^{r}, shewing that by reason of great losses and misfortune he is greatly embarrassed in his person and estate etc., praying for relief etc.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the person and estate of the said Jonathan Wells, Esq^{r}, shall and the same is hereby protected from arrests and attachments until the rising of the General Assembly in May next, and his body shall not be imprisoned till then for any debt, and that he shall not in the mean time sell or dispose of any part of his estate either real or personal; and that he or his creditors properly prefer their petition to this Assembly in May next, if they think fit, that what is right and just may be done in the premises.

Upon the memorial of Francis Barnard and others of Symsbury, shewing that a captain's company has been formed within the eighteenth regiment in this Colony; that there is not a sufficient number of soldiers within the limits thereof as is required by law &c., which doth and is likely to make great uneasiness &c., as per memorial &c.; praying for relief &c.:

Resolved by this Assembly, That Josiah Bissell and Roger Newberry, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire, at the cost of the memorialists, into the matters and things alledged in said memorial, and everything relating thereto, and make report thereof to the General Assembly in May next.

Whereas the military companies in the town of Harwington now belonging to the 15th regiment are so situated that they may more conveniently be annexed to the 17th regiment:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the military companies in the town of Harwington be and they are annexed to the seventeenth regiment, and shall be under the regulations and entituled to the privileges of said 17th regiment.

This Assembly is adjourned till the 13th day of April next, to meet at Hartford, unless the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to give notice that the public business of the Colony does not require the convention of the Assembly at that time.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'y.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1775.

In the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut, assembled at New Haven.

Whereas our brethren of the town of Boston have long suffered and are yet suffering under the hand of oppression, grievous and unparalleled hardships and distresses, in consequence of their resolution to support the great principles of constitutional liberty; and having endured and yet enduring those sufferings in the common cause of America with most exemplary fortitude and magnanimity; the principles of humanity and justice to ourselves and them require that they should not be left to sink under the weight of burdens which without assistance may become absolutely insupportable.

And although many donations have been made them by this and the other Colonies, yet upon authentic intelligence it appears they are inadequate to the real distresses in which thousands of their innocent and virtuous inhabitants are involved by means as aforesaid.

This House, taking the matters aforesaid into their serious consideration, do resolve, That it be and is hereby earnestly recommended to the several towns in this Colony, to continue cheerfully and liberally to contribute to the relief of their suffering brethren in said town, according to the several abilities which Divine Providence has given them; esteeming it an incumbent duty and an acceptable service in the sight of God and their country.

By order of the House, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Speaker.

A true extract from the Journals. *Test.* RICH[d] LAW, Clerk.

Courant, No. 535. *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 107.

It seems that there were also resolves passed at the May and October sessions, 1774, indicating the sympathy of the Colony with the people of Boston and recommending subscriptions for the relief of the poor in that town. *Mass. Hist. Collections*, XXXIV, 16.

In the House of Representatives.

New Haven, March, 1775.

Colony of Connecticut, ss.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be given to the worthy and patriotick House of Assembly for the Island of Jamaica, for their kind and seasonable mediation in favour of the Colonies on this continent, by their late humble petition and remonstrance to his Majesty. And that the Speaker of this House be, and he is hereby, directed to write to the said Honorable Assembly and enclose a copy of this resolution; also of the resolution of this House at their session in May, 1773, appointing a Committee of Correspondence, and invite them to come into that or a similar method of mutually communicating such intelligence as may be of publick importance and more immediately affecting the inhabitants of the British Colonies and Islands in America.

Test. Richard Law, Clerk.*

[From *American Archives*, 4th series, II, 108-10.]

The Governor of Connecticut to the Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

New Haven, March, 1775.

My Lord: I duly received your Lordship's letter of the 10th of December last, enclosing his Most Gracious Majesty's speech to his Parliament and the addresses in answer thereunto, which I have taken the earliest opportunity to lay before the General Assembly of the Colony, and am now to return you their thanks for this communication.

It is, my Lord, with the deepest concern and anxiety, that we contemplate the unhappy dissensions which have taken place between the Colonies and Great Britain, which must be attended with the most fatal consequences to both, unless speedily terminated. We consider the interests of the two countries as inseparable, and are shocked at the idea of any disunion between them. We wish for nothing so much as a speedy and happy settlement upon constitutional grounds, and cannot apprehend why it might not be effected if proper steps were taken. It is certainly an object of that importance as to merit the attention of every wise and good man, and the accomplishment of it would add lustre to the first character upon earth.

The origin and progress of these unhappy disputes we need not point out to you: they are perfectly known to your Lordship. From apprehensions on one side, and jealousies, fears and distresses

* A letter from William Williams, Speaker, enclosing the above and addressed to the Hon. Speaker of the House of Assembly, Jamaica, is in *Am. Archives*, 4th series, II, 108. The petition of Jamaica is in Vol. I of the same series, col., 1072.

on the other, fomented and increased by the representations of artful and designing men, unfriendly to the liberties of America, they have risen to that alarming height at which we now see them, threatening the most essential prejudice, if not entire ruin, to the whole Empire. On the one hand, we do assure your Lordship that we do not wish to weaken or impair the authority of the British Parliament in any matters essential to the welfare and happiness of the whole Empire. On the other, it will be admitted that it is our duty, and that we should be even highly culpable, if we should not claim and maintain the constitutional rights and liberties derived to us as men and Englishmen; as the descendants of Britons and members of an Empire whose fundamental principle is the liberty and security of the subject. British supremacy and American liberty are not incompatible with each other. They have been seen to exist and flourish together for more than a century. What now renders them inconsistent? Or, if anything be further necessary to ascertain the one or limit the other, why may it not be amicably adjusted, every occasion and ground of future controversy be removed, and all that has unfortunately passed be buried in perpetual oblivion?

The good people of this Colony, my Lord, are unfeignedly loyal and firmly attached to his Majesty's person, family and government. They are willing and ready freely as they have formerly most cheerfully done upon every requisition made to them, to contribute to the utmost of their abilities to the support of his Majesty's government, and to devote their lives and fortunes to his service; and in the last war did actually expend in his Majesty's service more than four hundred thousand pounds sterling beyond what they received any compensation for. But the unlimited powers lately claimed by the British Parliament drove them to the borders of despair. These powers, carried into execution, will deprive them of all property, and are incompatible with every idea of civil liberty. They must hold all that they possess at the will of others, and will have no property which they can, voluntary and as freemen, lay at the foot of the throne as a mark of their affection and devotion to his Majesty's service.

Why, my Lord, should our fellow-subjects in Great Britain alone enjoy the high honour and satisfaction of presenting their free gifts to their Sovereign? Or, if this be a distinction in which they will permit none to participate with them, yet, in point of honour, it should be founded on the gift of their own property, and not of that of their fellow-subjects in the more distant parts of the Empire.

It is with particular concern and anxiety that we see the unhappy situation of our fellow-subjects in the town of Boston in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, where we behold many thousands of his Majesty's virtuous and loyal subjects reduced to the utmost distress by the operation of the Port Act, and the whole Province thrown into a state of anarchy and confusion by the Act for chang-

ing the constitution of the Province and depriving them of some of their charter-rights. We are at a loss to conceive how the destruction of the East India Company's tea could be a just or reasonable ground for punishing so severely thousands of innocent people who had no hand in that transaction, and that even without giving them any opportunity to be heard in their own defence.

[And we submit whether the conditions of their being restored to their former privileges are not becoming impracticable under their present circumstances, since the town is not by law authorized to tax the inhabitants for such a purpose, and the Province is not permitted the privilege of the Assembly; nor, they conceive, could they constitutionally hold one until their charter-rights are restored. Indeed, how can they constitutionally give his Majesty any security for their future good behaviour but by their Representatives in General Assembly. Were the acts for shutting up their port and altering the government of the Province repealed, the armed force withdrawn from Boston, and the people put upon a footing to act freely and constitutionally, we cannot doubt but that as they have upon all former occasions shown themselves to be a generous, brave and loyal people, they would comply with any reasonable requisition that should be made by his Majesty.]

Give us leave to recommend to your Lordship's most serious and candid attention the unhappy case of that distressed people, and in effect of all the Colonies, whose fate seems to be involved in theirs, and who are therefore most anxiously distressed for them. Permit us to hope, that by your Lordship's kind and benevolent interposition, some wise and happy plan will be devised, which may relieve us from our present anxieties and restore that harmony between Great Britain and the Colonies which we all most ardently wish for, and which alone can render us truly happy.

I am, My Lord, in behalf of the Governor and Company of Connecticut, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and most humble servant.

General Assembly, New Haven, March, 1775.

In the Upper House: The foregoing draught for a letter to the Right Honourable the Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, being read is approved, and his Honour the Governour is desired to sign a transcript thereof and transmit the same to his Lordship as soon as opportunity will permit.

Test. George Wyllys, Secretary.

In the Lower House: Mr. Strong, Mr. Deane, Colonel Talcott, Mr. Hosmer, Mr. Wales and Mr. Sturgess are appointed a committee to confer with such gentlemen as the Honourable Upper House shall appoint to confer on the subject-matter of the foregoing letter.

Test. Richard Law, Clerk.

In the Upper House: William Samuel Johnson and Oliver Wolcott, Esquires, are appointed to confer with the committee of the Lower House on the subject-matter of the foregoing letter.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

[At the conference of the committees of the two Houses, it was agreed to amend the draught by striking out the paragraph between brackets, in which form it was adopted by the Lower House.]

General Assembly, New Haven, March, 1775

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Test. RICHARD LAW, Clerk.

Concurred in the Upper House,

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.

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[427] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quinto.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF SAID COLONY ON WEDNESDAY THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF APRIL, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1775.*

Present:

The Hon^{ble} Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, *Governor.*

The Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Esq^{r}, *Deputy Governor.*

Assistants.

Jabez Hamlin, Esq^{r}, Roger Sherman, Esq^{r},
Elisha Sheldon, Esq^{r}, Abraham Davenport, Esq^{r},
Eliphalet Dyer, Esq^{r}, William Samuel Johnson, Esq^{r},
Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r}, Oliver Wolcott, Esq^{r},
William Pitkin, Esq^{r}, James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{r},

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Colo. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.

Capt. Josiah Bissell, Mr. Oliver Elsworth, for Windsor.

Colo. Jonath^{n} Pettibone, Colo. Jonath^{n} Humphry, for Symsbury.

Mr. William Wolcott, Colo. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.

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* The Assembly adjourned Saturday noon, May 6th.

Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenez[r] Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Alex[r] King, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.
Maj[r] Thomas Belding, Mr. Silas Dean, for Weathersfield.
Colo. Mathew Talcott, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. Moses Holmes, Maj[r] Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Mr. Samuel Cobb, Mr. Eleazer Steel, for Toland.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, for Haddam.
Capt. Joel White, Capt. Benja. Talcott, for Bolton.
Mr. Zerah Kibbee, Mr. Reuben Sikes, for Somers.
Mr. David Sage, Capt. Silas Dunham, for Chatham.
[428] Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Maj[r] Henry Champion, Mr. John Watrous, for Colchester.
Mr. Josiah Converse, Mr. Joseph Fuller, for Stafford.
Mr. Edward Collins, Maj[r] Nathaniel Terry, for Enfield.
Capt. Daniel Ingham, Capt. Obadiah Horsford, for Hebron.
Colo. John Strong, Colo. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Joshua Chandler, for New Haven.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Colo. James Wadsworth, for Durham.
Capt. John Wooster, Mr. James Beard, for Darby.
Mr. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. John Burgiss, Colo. Andrew Ward, for Guilford.
Mr. Oliver Stanly, Maj[r] Reuben Atwater, for Wallingford.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Colo. Jonath[n] Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Maj[r] David Baldwin, for Milford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benjamin Huntington, for Norwich.
Maj[r] Charles Phelps, Maj[r] Samuel Prentice, for Stonington.
Doct. Samuel Field, Colo. William Worthington, for Saybrook.
Mr. Robert Crary, Capt. James Morgan, for Preston.
Mr. John Lay, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Mr. Hezekiah Lane, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Stephen Billings, for Groton.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Daniel Judson, for Stratford.
Mr. William Hawley, for Reding.
Maj[r] John Mead, Mr. Peter Mead, for Greenwich.
Colo. David Waterbury, Colo. Charles Webb, for Stamford.
Colo. Philip B. Bradley, for Ridgfield.
Mr. Thomas Belding, Doct. Thadeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Capt. Henry Glover, Capt. Peter Nichols, for Newtown.
Mr. Zacheus Towner, Mr. Alex[r] Fairchild, for New Fairfield.
Colo. Joseph P. Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, Mr. Nathaniel Wales, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jr, for Lebanon.

Mr. Solomon Pain, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Elisha Lord, for Pomfrett.
Mr. Caleb May, Capt. Timothy Perryn, for Woodstock.
Capt. Ebenez[r] Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. Constant Southworth, Colo. Ebenez[r] Storrs, for Mansfield.
Capt. Isaac Coit, Capt. John Douglass, for Plainfield.
Maj[r] James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Mr. Elijah Whiton, for Ashford.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Capt. David Welch, for Litchfield.
[429] Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Maj[r] Ebenez[r] Gay, Mr. James Pardee, for Sharon.
Colo. Joseph* Porter, Mr. Hez[h] Fitch, for Salisbury.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Edmund Beach, for Goshen.
Capt. John Willson, Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.
Maj[r] Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Boardman, for New Milford.
Maj[r] Epaphras Sheldon, Mr. Noah Marshall, for Torrington.
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwall.
Mr. John Watson, Colo. Charles Burrall, for Canaan.
Mr. Joseph Slueman, for Westmoreland.

William Williams, Esq[r], Speaker } of the House of
Richard Law, Esq[r], Clerk } Representatives.

Whereas it was enacted by the General Assembly held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October last, that every regiment in this Colony, as well the horse as foot belonging thereto, shall meet either together or in parts at the discretion of the colonel or commanding officer, at such time and place as such colonel or field officer shall appoint, for regimental exercise one day before the tenth day of May next: And whereas the meeting of such regiments agreeably to said act will be inconvenient in the present situation of affairs,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the colonels or commanding officers of the several regiments in this Colony shall be, and they are hereby, released from the obligation to call out their said regiments for regimental exercises before the tenth day of May next; anything in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an Embargo be forthwith laid upon the exportation out of this Colony by water of the

* So in the record, but Joshua would be the right reading.

following articles of provision, *viz:* wheat, rye, indian corn, pork, beef, live cattle, pease and beans, bread flour, and every kind of meal, except necessary stores for vessels bound to sea; and that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, desired to issue a proclamation laying such embargo and prohibiting the exportation of such provisions accordingly: Such embargo to continue till the 20th day of May next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That William Samuel Johnson and Erastus Wolcott, Esq[rs], wait upon his Excellency Governor Gage with the letter written to him by his Honour our Governor by the desire of this Assembly, and confer with him on the subject contained in said letter and request his answer. *

Resolved by this Assembly, That Thadeus Burr, Esq[r], of Fairfield, and Charles Church Chandler, Esq[r], of Woodstock, at the public expence of this Colony, be a committee to engage and employ two news-carriers, to perform regular stages from Fairfield to Woodstock and from Woodstock to Fairfield, in such manner that they severally arrive in Hartford every Saturday; and that they forward all proper intelligence to Fairfield and Woodstock with all convenient speed. Also that Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq[r], of New London, be a committ- [430] tee to engage and employ two || news-carriers at the Colony expence, to perform regular stages from Woodstock to New Haven on the Fairfield stage and from New Haven to Woodstock, in such manner that they severally arrive in New London every Saturday, and that they forward all proper intelligence each way every Monday morning with all convenient dispatch. Also, that Thadeus Burr, Esq[r], of Fairfield, and Charles Church Chandler, of Woodstock, and Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq[r], of New London, be a committee to forward, at the public expence of this Colony, all such extraordinary and important intelligence which shall be received at either place from time to time as they shall judge proper and

* The original resolve, *Revolutionary War*, I, 122, is in the handwriting of Roger Sherman. A narrative of the proceedings of the ambassadors may be found in Beardsley's *Life and Times of William Samuel Johnson*, 109–112. The Assembly had adjourned before their return. Governor Gage had written to Gov. Trumbull, April 29th, enclosing a circumstantial account of the "attack that happened on the 19th April 1775, on his Majesty's troops by a number of the people of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay," but the letter had not arrived before Dr. Johnson and Mr. Wolcott set out on their journey. The letter of Governor Trumbull to Governor Gage, with the reply of the latter, are printed at the close of the record of this session. The embassy gave some temporary uneasiness to the Massachusetts Provincial Congress.

necessary. The aforesaid regulations to continue in force until the rising of the Assembly in May next, and no longer.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that sundry acts of hostility and violence have lately been committed in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, by which many lives have been lost, and that some of the inhabitants of this Colony are gone to the relief of the people distressed,

It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Joseph Trumbull and Mr. Amasa Keyes be and they are hereby appointed a committee to procure all necessary provisions for the inhabitants of this Colony who have gone to the relief of the people aforesaid, and that they superintend the delivery out and apportioning the same among them till this Assembly shall consider what measures are proper to be taken relative thereto and give orders accordingly.

An Act for assembling, equipping etc. a Number of the Inhabitants of this Colony for the special Defence and Safety thereof.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That one fourth part of the militia of this Colony be, and it is hereby, ordered and directed that they be forthwith inlisted, equipped, accoutred and assembled, for the special defence and safety of this Colony, to be led and conducted as the General Assembly shall order. That the inhabitants so inlisted and assembled shall be distributed into companies consisting of one hundred men each. That said companies shall be formed into six regiments, to be commanded by one major-general assisted by two brigadier-generals, each of which general officers shall take the command of a regiment as colonel. That each of said regiments shall be commanded by one colonel, a lieutenant-colonel, and a major, each of which field-officers shall likewise command a company as captain, and each general officer shall be assisted by two majors to his regiment. That each of said companies shall be commanded by one captain, two lieutenants and an ensign, who shall all be duly commissioned by his Honor the Governor to execute the offices to which they are respectively appointed. That there shall be appointed one adjutant, one quarter-master, one chaplain, one surgeon and two surgeon's mates to each regiment. That said inhabitants shall be inlisted to continue in the said service during the pleasure of the General Assembly, not exceeding seven months.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a premium of fifty-two shillings per man shall be advanced and paid to each non-commission'd officer and inhabitant upon

their inlistment, they supplying themselves with a blanket, knapsack, cloathing &c., to the acceptance of their respective captains; and that one month's pay shall be advanced and paid to each of said officers and inlisted inhabitants.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the establishment of pay and wages shall be as follows, *viz.* the pay for their whole services.

To the major-general,	£ 20	0	0,	per	calendar	month.
To each of said brigadier-generals,	17	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each colonel,	15	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each lieutenant colonel,	12	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each major,	10	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each captain,	6	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each lieutenant,	4	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each ensign,	3	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each adjutant,	5	10	0,	per	do.	do.
To each quarter-master,	3	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each chaplain,	6	0	0,	per	do.	do.
To each surgeon,	7	10	0,	per	do.	do.
To each surgeon's mate,	4	0	0,	per	do.	do.
The wages of each sergeant,	2	8	0,	per	do.	do.
of each corporal,	2	4	0,	per	do.	do.
of each fifer and drummer,	2	4	0,	per	do.	do.
of each private,	2	0	0,	per	do.	do.

[431] *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That each inhabitant so inlisted shall be furnished with good fire-arms, and that the fire-arms belonging to this Colony, wherever they are, shall be collected and put into the hands of such inlisted inhabitants as have not arms of their own; and that each inlisted inhabitant that shall provide arms for himself, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall be paid a premium of ten shillings; and in case such arms are lost by inevitable casualty, such inhabitant providing himself as aforesaid shall be allowed and paid the just value of such arms and implements so lost, deducting only said sum of ten shillings allowed as aforesaid: said premium of ten shillings to be paid as soon as such inhabitant shall provide such arms as aforesaid. That where the aforesaid provision fails, sufficient arms shall be impress'd, compleatly to arm and equip said inhabitants: the said impress to be limited only to the arms belonging to house-holders and other persons not on the militia roll; and in case any house-holder or other person shall voluntarily furnish any inlisted inhabitant, not able to procure arms for himself, with a good gun, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall have and receive a premium of ten shillings, and in case of loss shall receive the value thereof, deducting the said ten shillings as aforesaid; and also that every person from whom any gun shall be impress'd, as aforesaid, shall be paid for the

use of such gun the sum of four shillings, and in case of loss shall be paid the just value of such gun, deducting the sum of four shillings aforesaid; and that a particular account be taken of the arms that may be used, and the same be all apprized by indifferent judges; and that if any inlisted inhabitant through negligence shall lose or damage the arms found for him, as aforesaid, such loss or damage shall be deducted out of his wages.

And it is also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three thousand stands of arms be procured as soon as may be, and held in readiness to be used for the special defence and safety of this Colony. And also, that the number of five hundred spades, five hundred pick-axes, three hundred narrow axes, and five hundred tents be procured for the use of this Colony.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony have ordered and enacted that one-fourth part of the militia of said Colony should be forthwith inlisted, equipped and assembled, for the special defence and safety of said Colony &c.: For the encouragement of such able-bodied and effective men of said militia, or others, as shall voluntarily offer and inlist themselves for said service to the acceptance of the proper officers,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That each inlisted inhabitant or person as aforesaid shall be entituled to a premium of fifty-two shillings upon their inlistment, they supplying themselves with a blanket, knapsack, cloathing &c., to the acceptance of their respective captains, and also to one month's advanced pay. That each sergeant shall receive forty-eight shillings, each corporal forty-four shillings, each drummer and fifer forty-four shillings, and each private forty shillings per kalendar month, during their continuance in said service. That each enlisted inhabitant or person as aforesaid, who shall provide arms for himself, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall be paid a premium of ten shillings, and in case such arms are lost by any inevitable providence, such inhabitant so providing himself shall be allowed and paid the just value of such arms and implements so lost, deducting only the said sum of ten shillings allowed as aforesaid: said premium of ten shillings to be paid as soon as such inhabitant shall be so provided as aforesaid. That a particular account shall be taken of all the arms that may be used, and the same shall be all apprized by indifferent judges. That each inhabitant, as aforesaid, upon his inlistment shall be entituled to six pence *per diem* for billeting money, until they are otherwise provided for by the Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the non-commission and other inhabitants, now to be inlisted for the special defence and safety of this Colony, shall be allowed six-pence a day for billeting from the time of their inlistment until supplied from the Colony stores.

Resolved, That the three thousand stands of arms to be procured for the use of this Colony be of the following dimensions, to wit: the length of the barrel three feet ten inches, the diameter of the bore from inside to inside three-quarters of an inch, the length of the blade of the bayonet fourteen inches, the length of the socket four inches and one quarter; that the barrels be of a suitable thickness, with iron ramrods and a spring in the lowest loop to secure the ramrods, a good substantial lock, and a good stock well mounted with brass and marked with the name or initial letters of the maker's name.

And resolved, That all the arms that shall be made and compleated according to above regulation in this Colony by the first day of July next shall be purchased and taken up by this Colony at a reasonable price.

[432] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the form for Commissions for the Major-General and Brigadier-Generals in the service of this Colony shall be as follows: and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

Colony of Connecticut.

. . . . . Esquire, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America.

To . . . . Esq^{r}, Greeting:

By virtue of the power and authority to me given in and by the Royal Charter to the Governor and Company of the said Colony under the great seal of England, I do, by these presents, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage and good conduct, constitute and appoint you, the said . . . to be . . . General and Commander of the inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of his Majesty's said Colony.

You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of . . . General and Commander, in leading, conducting, ordering and exercising in the service aforesaid, the said inhabitants, both officers and soldiers, and to keep them in good order and discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their . . . General. And you are to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from me or the Commander-in-

Chief of the said Colony for the time being, according to military rules and discipline, pursuant to the trust reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the public seal of said Colony of Connecticut the day of in the 15th year of the reign of his Majesty George the third, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith &c., *annoque Dom.* 1775.

By his Honors command.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the form for Commissions for the Captains and subaltern officers of a company for the special defence and safety of this Colony shall be as follows: and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

Colony of Connecticut.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over his Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America.

To . . . . Greeting:

By virtue of the power and authority to me given in and by the Royal Charter to the Governor and Company of the said Colony under the great seal of England, I do, by these presents, reposing special trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage and good conduct, constitute and appoint you, the siad . . . to be . . . of the . . company in the . . . regiment of the inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of his Majesty's said Colony.

You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a . . . . in leading, ordering and exercising said company, both inferior officers and soldiers, in the service aforesaid, and to keep them in good order and discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their . . . and yourself to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from me or the Commander-in-Chief of the said Colony for the time being, or other your superior officers, according to military rules and discipline, pursuant to the trust reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the public seal of said Colony, at . . the . . day of . . in the 15th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the third, *annoque Dom.* 1775.

By his Honor's Command.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired, authorized and impowered, to

sign and deliver Beating Orders to the respective officers appointed to enlist men for the special defence and safety of the Colony, in the form following, viz.:

Jonathan Trumbull, Esq^{r}, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut,

To . . . . Greeting.

I do hereby authorize and impower you, by beat of drum or otherwise, to raise . . . by inlistment, a company of able-bodied effective volunteers within this Colony, to consist of one hundred men, including officers, for the defence of [433] this Colony, during the pleasure of this Assembly, not ‖ exceeding seven months: And the colonels of the respective regiments of militia, and the several officers thereof, are required to afford you all proper aid and assistance: And the captains in the several regiments are hereby required to muster their respective companies when requested thereunto by you, for the purpose aforesaid.

Given under my hand this first day of May, 1775.

I . . . of . . . . do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier, to serve in a regiment of foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut for the defence of the same to be commanded by . . . . during the pleasure of the General Assembly and as they shall direct, not exceeding seven months, as witness my hand the . . . day of . . in the year of our Lord 1775.

In the Lower House: The foregoing form of inlistment being read &c., is approved.

Test. Richard Law, Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House.

Test. George Wyllys, Secret'y.

This Assembly do appoint the persons hereafter named to the respective offices to take the command of the inhabitants to be inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of this Colony, to lead and conduct them as the General Assembly shall order; and his Honor the Governor is desired, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to give commissions according to the form provided and ordered for each respective officer according to his office and rank, and warrants to such as are appointed on the staff, *viz:*

This Assembly do appoint David Wooster, Esq^{r}, to be Major-General.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r}, to be Brigadier-General.

This Assembly do appoint Israel Putnam, Esq^{r}, to be Second Brigadier General.

This Assembly do appoint Major-General David Wooster, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the first regiment and Captain; Jesse Leavenworth to be First Lieutenant;[a] James Blakely to be Second Lieutenant;[b] Amos Shepard, Ensign,[c] of the first company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Andrew Ward jun^{r}, Esq^{r}, Lieutenant-Colonel of the first regiment and Captain; Stephen Hall to be First Lieutenant; Jehiel Meigs jun^{r} to be 2d Lieutenant; Augustus Collins to be Ensign,[d] of the 2d company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Thomson to be First Major of the first regiment and Captain; Bradford Steel to be First Lieutenant; Ambrose Hind to be 2d Lieutenant;[e] Nathan Pierson to be Ensign, of the third company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint David Welch to be Second Major of the first regiment and Captain; Bezaleel Beebe to be First Lieutenant; Aaron Foot to be 2d Lieutenant; Thomas Catlin to be Ensign, of the 4th company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Benedict Arnold Captain, Caleb Trowbridge to be 1st Lieutenant, Jesse Curtiss to be 2d Lieutenant, Nathan Edwards to be Ensign,[f] of the 5th company in the 1st regiment.

[434] This Assembly do appoint William Douglass to be Captain, Samuel Blackman jun^{r} to be 1st Lieutenant, Jared Robertson to be 2d Lieutenant, Ebenezer Trusdel to be Ensign, of the 6th company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Cook jun^{r} to be Captain, John Hough to be First Lieutenant, Thomas Shepard to be 2d Lieutenant, James Peck to be Ensign, of the 7th company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Phineas Porter to be Captain, Stephen Mathews First Lieutenant, Isaac Brownson jun^{r} 2d

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[a] He resigned and Samuel Wilmot was appointed.

[b] Blakely (or Blakesley) was promoted to be First Lieutenant of the 9th company and Amos Shepard was promoted Second Lieutenant in his stead.

[c] Jeremiah Parmele was appointed Ensign *vice* Shepard promoted.

[d] He did not accept and Ebenezer Fowler jr. was appointed.

[e] Hind not accepting, Pierson was promoted, and Samuel Osborn was appointed Ensign.

[f] Caleb Trowbridge served as Captain of this company, Jesse Curtiss as 1st Lieutenant, and Elias Stillwell as ensign.

Lieutenant, David Smith Ensign, of the 8th company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint James Arnold to be Captain, Samuel Willmott First Lieutenant,[g] Nathaniel Bunnell 2d Lieutenant, Philemon Potter[h] Ensign, of the 9th company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Peck jun^{r} to be Captain, John Fowler jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Israel Terrell 2d Lieutenant, Daniel Doolittle Ensign, of the 10th company in the 1st regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev^{d} Benjamin Trumbull Chaplain for the first regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Jared Potter Surgeon, Levi Ives, Isaac Chalker, Surgeon's Mates, 1st regiment.

Second Regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esq^{r}, to be Colonel of the second regiment and Captain; Daniel Cone jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, James Smith 2d Lieutenant, Joel Arnold Ensign, of the 1st company,[a] 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Wyllys, Esq^{r}, to be Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain, Ezekiel Scott 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Cowper,[b] 2d Lieutenant, Marcus Cole Ensign, of the 2d company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Roger Enos, Esq^{r}, to be First Major and Captain, Elijah Robinson 1st Lieutenant, Silas Blogget 2d Lieutenant, Benjamin Farlee Ensign,[c] of the 3d company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Return Jonathan Meigs, Esq^{r}, to be Second Major and Captain, Elijah Blackman, 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer Sumner 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Savage Ensign,[d] of the 4th company, 2d regiment.

[435] This Assembly do appoint Solomon Willes Captain, Jonathan Parker 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Felt jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Noah Chapin jun^{r} Ensign, of the 5th company, 2d regiment.

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[g] He was promoted to be 1st Lieutenant of the 1st company and James Blakesley was appointed in his room.

[h] He resigned and Jeremiah Parmele was appointed but removed to the 1st company, and in his place Edward Tiley was appointed Ensign.

[a] According to the pay-roll John Wibley served as Captain-Lieutenant, Daniel Cone as 2d Lieutenant and Joseph Dickinson as Ensign.

[b] Cooper on the roll.

[c] Farlee (or Farlie) resigned and David Tuttle was appointed, and was succeeded June 26th by Josiah Converse.

[d] In place of Blackman Ebenezer Sumner was promoted 1st Lieutenant, *Abijah* Savage 2d Lieutenant, and Robert Warner appointed Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Noadiah Hooker Captain, Peter Curtiss 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Boyington 2d Lieutenant, Amos Wadsworth Ensign, of the 6th company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Abel Pettibone Captain, Amasa Mills 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Forward 2d Lieutenant,[e] Jonathan Pettibone jun[r] Ensign, of the 7th company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Levi Wells Captain, James Ransom 1st Lieutenant, John Isham 2d Lieutenant,[f] Samuel Palmer Ensign, of the 8th company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Chester Captain, Barnabas Dean 1st Lieutenant,[g] Stephen Goodrich 2d Lieutenant, Charles Butler 2d Ensign, of the 9th company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Harmon jun[r] Captain,[h] Samuel Wright 1st Lieutenant, Consider Williston 2d Lieutenant, Oliver Hanchet Ensign,[i] of the 10th company, 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev[d] Benjamin Boardman Chaplain for the 2d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint William Jepson Surgeon, Daniel Southmayd, John Richards Watrous, Surgeon's Mates of the 2d regiment.

Third Regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Israel Putnam, Esq[r], to be Colonel of the third regiment, and Captain, Jonathan Kingsley 1st Lieutenant,[a] Thomas Grosvenor 2d Lieutenant, Elijah Loomiss Ensign,[b] of the 1st company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Experience Storrs, Esq[r], to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and Captain, James Dana 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer Gray 2d Lieutenant, Isaac Farewell Ensign, of the 2d company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Durkey, Esq[r], to be First Major, and Captain, Joshua Huntington 1st Lieutenant,

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[e] He not accepting Nathaniel Humphries was appointed 2d Lieutenant.

[f] He resigned and Henry Champion jr. was appointed. Warren Huntley served as Ensign from Sept. 26.

[g] Dean resigned and Samuel B Webb was appointed, serving to July 5, and succeeded by Ebenezer Huntington.

[h] He resigned in favor of Oliver Hanchet.

[i] Eliphalet King was appointed Ensign *vice* Hanchet promoted.

John Trumbull was Adjutant of this regiment to July 28th and was succeeded by Charles Whiting. Charles Whiting was Secretary to the same date and succeeded by Warren Huntley.

From an account book in the Comptroller's office it seems that James Cogswell served as Surgeon of this regiment and that Jeremiah West was a Surgeon's Mate.

[a] Kingsley (or Kingsbury) not accepting, Jedediah Waterman was appointed 1st Lieutenant.

[b] He resigned and James Sprague was appointed.

Jacobus DeWit 2d Lieutenant, Lemuel Bingham Ensign, of the 3d company, 3d regiment.[c]

[436] This Assembly do appoint Obadiah Johnson, Esq[r], to be Second Major, and Captain, Ephraim Lyon 1st Lieutenant, Wells Clift 2d Lieutenant, Isaac Hide jun[r] Ensign,[d] of the 4th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Knowlton jun[r] Captain, Reuben Marcy 1st Lieutenant,[e] John Keyes 2d Lieutenant, Daniel Allen jun[r] Ensign, of the 5th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint James Clark Captain, Daniel Tilden 1st Lieutenant, Andrew Fitch 2d Lieutenant, Thomas Bill Ensign, of the 6th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Ephraim Manning Captain, Stephen Lyon 1st Lieutenant,[f] Asa Morris 2d Lieutenant, William Frissell Ensign, of the 7th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Eliott Captain, Benoni Cutler 1st Lieutenant, Daniel Waters 2d Lieutenant,[g] Comfort Day Ensign,[h] of the 8th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Mosely Captain, Stephen Brown 1st Lieutenant, Melatiah Bingham 2d Lieutenant, Nathaniel Wales 3d Ensign, of the 9th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Israel Putnam jun[r] Captain, Samuel Robinson jun[r] 1st Lieutenant, Amos Avery 2d Lieutenant, Caleb Stanly jun[r] Ensign, of the 10th company, 3d regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev[d] Abiel Leonard Chaplain of the third regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Spalding Surgeon, Penuel Cheeney, Elijah Adams, Surgeon's Mates, for the 3d regiment.

Fourth Regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Hinman, Esq[r], to be Colonel of the fourth regiment, and Captain, David Hinman 1st Lieutenant, Benjamin Hungerford 2d Lieutenant, Asahel Hurd Ensign, of the 1st company 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint George Pitkin, Esq[r], to be Lieu-

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[c] Bingham and DeWitt exchanged places, but Beriah Bill served as Ensign of this company.

[d] Hide resigned and Abner Robinson was appointed.

[e] Marcy resigned, Keyes was promoted 1st Lieutenant and Allen as 2d Lieutenant. Squire Hill was appointed Ensign.

[f] William Lyon was appointed 1st Lieutenant *vice* Stephen Lyon resigned.

[g] David Perry was appointed 2d Lieutenant *vice* Waters resigned.

[h] Day resigned and Elihu Lawrence was appointed.

tenant Colonel of the fourth regiment, and Captain, Isaac Fellows First Lieutenant,[a] David Bissell Second Lieutenant,[b] Edward Payne Ensign,[c] of the 2d company, 4th regiment.

[437] This Assembly do appoint Samuel Elmore, Esq^{r}, to be Major of the 4th regiment, and Captain, Amos Chappel 1st Lieutenant, Oliver Parmely 2d Lieutenant, Moses Shepard Ensign, of the 3d company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Buell Captain, Timothy Holcomb 1st Lieutenant, Luther Stoddard 2d Lieutenant, Nathan Dawsey Ensign, of the 4th company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Shubael Griswold Captain, Benja. Mills 1st Lieutenant, Aaron Austin jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Caleb Lyman Ensign,[d] of the 5th company 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Josiah Starr Captain, Asaph Hall 1st Lieutenant, Paul Yates 2d Lieutenant, Asahel Hodge Ensign, of the 6th company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Eleazer Curtiss jun^{r} Captain, John Ransom jun^{r}, 1st Lieutenant,[e] Morgan Noble 2d Lieutenant, John Rockwell Ensign, of the 7th company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Sedgwick Captain, Warham Gibbs 1st Lieutenant, James Thomson 2d Lieutenant, Mathew Patterson Ensign, of the 8th company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Watson jun^{r} Captain, Theodore Woodbridge 1st Lieutenant, Titus Watson 2d Lieutenant, Jehiel Hull Ensign, of the 9th company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Hezekiah Parsons Captain, Hezekiah Holdridge 1st Lieutenant, John Skinner 2d Lieutenant, Ebenezer Watson Ensign,[f] of the 10th company, 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev^{d} Cotton Mather Smith Chaplain to the 4th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Lemuel Wheeler Surgeon, Daniel Sheldon, Abel Catlin, Surgeon's Mates for the 4th regiment.

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[a] Fellows resigned and Richard Pitkin was appointed but resigned, and Ozias Bissell was appointed.

[b] David Bissell was superceded by the General Assembly in May and David Johnson jr. appointed 2d Lieutenant, who served from May 1st and was succeeded by Sylvanus Martin.

[c] Payne resigned and Sylvanus Martin was appointed, who was promoted to be 2d Lieutenant Sept. 1, and succeeded as Ensign by Daniel Call.

[d] Lyman resigned and Daniel Grant was appointed.

[e] Jeirah Swift was appointed vice Ransom resigned.

[f] Watson resigned and Abner Loomis was appointed, who also resigned and Edward Payne was appointed.

Fifth Regiment.

This Assembly do appoint David Waterbury jun[r] to be Colonel of the 5th regiment, and Captain, Sylvanus Brown 1st Lieutenant, Jonathan Whiting 2d Lieutenant, Samuel Hoit 5th Ensign, of the 1st company, 5th regiment.

[438] This Assembly do appoint Samuel Whiting to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the 5th regiment, and Captain, Elijah Beach 1st Lieutenant, Robert Walker 2d Lieutenant, Abijah Starling Ensign,[a] of the 2d company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Hobby to be Major of the 5th regiment, and Captain, Bezaleel Brown 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Lockwood jun[r] 2d Lieutenant, John Waterbury the 5th Ensign, of the 3d company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint David Dimon Captain, Peter Hendrick 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer Hill 2d Lieutenant, Wakeman Burr Ensign,[b] of the 4th company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Mathew Mead Captain, Levi Taylor 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Cannon 2d Lieutenant, William Seymour Ensign,[c] of the 5th company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Noble Benedict Captain, James Clark 1st Lieutenant, Ephraim Lyon 2d Lieutenant,[d] Daniel Hickox Ensign, of the 6th company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Gray Captain,[e] Stephen Wakeman 1st Lieutenant,[f] Thaddeus Rockwell 2d Lieutenant, George Burr Ensign,[g] of the 7th company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Smith jun[r] Captain, Abel Botsford jun[r] 1st Lieutenant,[h] Nathaniel Blakman 2d Lieutenant, Silas Hubbel Ensign,[i] of the 8th company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Nehemiah Beardslee Captain, Samuel Keeler jun[r] 1st Lieutenant, Zephaniah Briggs 2d Lieutenant, William Benedict Ensign,[k] of the 9th company, 5th regiment.

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[a] Starling not accepting Judson Whiting was appointed.

[b] Hill resigned and Burr was promoted 1st Lieutenant, and Josiah Lacey appointed Ensign.

[c] Cannon resigned, Seymour was promoted to his place and James Betts appointed Ensign.

[d] Ezra Stevens was appointed 2d Lieutenant *vice* Lyon resigned.

[e] Gray resigning Ichabod Doolittle was appointed Captain.

[f] Albert Chapman served as 1st Lieutenant of this company.

[g] Ebenezer Banks jr. was appointed Ensign *vice* Burr resigned,

[h] Jabez Botchford (or Botsford) was appointed 1st Lieutenant *vice* Abel Botsford resigned

[i] Hubbell resigned and Arnold Glover was appointed, but Ashbel Ruggles served as Ensign according to the pay roll.

[k] Benedict resigned and James Richards jr. was appointed, but Jacob Selleck served as Ensign.

This Assembly do appoint Zalmon Read Captain, Peter Fairchild 1st Lieutenant,[1] David Peet 2d Lieutenant, Benjamin Nichols Ensign, of the 10th company, 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev[d] Samuel Wood Chaplain for the 5th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Wood Surgeon, Asel Fitch, Samuel Whiting, Surgeon's Mates for the 5th regiment.

Sixth Regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Holden Parsons, Esq[r], to be Colonel of the 6th regiment, and Captain, David Fithen Sill 1st Lieutenant, Christopher Ely 2d Lieutenant, Elisha Wade Ensign, of the first company, 6th regiment.

[439] This Assembly do appoint John Tyler, Esq[r], to be Lieutenant Colonel of the 6th regiment, and Captain, Elnathan Rosseter 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer Brewster 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Hilyard Ensign,[a] of the 2d company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Prentice, Esq[r], to be Major of the 6th regiment, and Captain, James Eldridge 1st Lieutenant, Richard Hewit 2d Lieutenant, Oliver Babcock Ensign, of the 3d company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint William Coit Captain, Jedidiah Hide 1st Lieutenant, James Day 2d Lieutenant, William Adams jun[r] Ensign, of the 4th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint James Chapman jun[r] Captain, Christoper Darrow jun[r] 1st Lieutenant, John Raymond jun[r] 2d Lieutenant, George Lattimore Ensign, of the 5th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Waterman Cleft Captain, William Edmund 1st Lieutenant, John McGregor 2d Lieutenant, Nathaniel Morgan Ensign, of the 6th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Mott Captain, Benja. Throop jun[r] 1st Lieutenant, Jeremiah Halsey 2d Lieutenant, Nathan Peters Ensign,[b] of the 7th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gale Captain, Josiah Baldwin 2d, 1st Lieutenant, Elisha Lee 2d Lieutenant, David Nevins Ensign, of the 8th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Ely Captain, Abraham Waterhouse jun[r] 1st Lieutenant, Martin Kirtland 2d Lieu-

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[1] Instead of Fairchild resigned, William Hawley was appointed, but Ezekiel Sanford served as 1st Lieutenant of this company.

Charles Webb was Adjutant of the regiment to July 10th, and John Mills from July 11th.

[a] Nathaniel Hall was appointed *vice* Hilliard resigned.

[b] Solomon Storey was appointed *vice* Peters resigned.

tenant, Israel Doan Ensign,[c] of the 9th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Abel Spicer Captain, Isaac Gallop 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Williams 3d 2d Lieutenant, William Latham 2d Ensign, of the 10th company, 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev[d] Stephen Johnson Chaplain for the 6th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Philip Turner Surgeon, Thomas Fosdick, Benja. Ellis, Surgeon's Mates[d] for the 6th regiment.

Whereas this Assembly have ordered one fourth part of their militia to be inlisted and equipp'd for the defence and safety of this Colony, and appointed officers to command the same: And as some of the officers so appointed may fail to accept said trust, or by death or otherways others may be wanted:

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired, and he is hereby desired and impowered, to appoint officers to fill up any such vacancy that shall happen, and commissionate them accordingly.

[440] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That Capt. Joseph Trumbull be appointed, and he is hereby appointed, Commissary-General, to take care of the provisions purchased at Salem by Brigadier-General Spencer, or any others that shall be sent for our inhabitants inlisting or assembling for the special defence and safety of this Colony, and take care that the same is distributed among them, and take advantage of any opportunity to purchase thereabouts any further supply when to be had on better terms than to be purchased and had from this Colony, to purchase the same as there shall be occasion, and inform from time to time his doings therein for the direction of the commissaries imployed in the Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Henry Champion, Thomas Mumford, Jedidiah Strong, Esq[rs], Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Thomas Howell, Samuel Squire, Esq[rs],

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[c] Dan Platt was appointed *vice* Doan resigned.

[d] Simon Wolcott was Surgeon; Fosdick and Josiah Hart Surgeon's Mates.

James Day was Adjutant, and William Richards Quarter-Master of the regiment.

The changes in the names of officers in the six regiments, given in these notes, are made on the authority of Appointments and Pay Rolls in *Revolutionary War*, Vols. i, ii, iii. Quite a number of the pay-rolls, however, are missing.

Of these regiments the 2d, 3d, two companies each of the 1st and 4th, and nine companies of the 6th, went to the neighborhood of Boston: the other companies went toward the vicinity of New York City, and to the northward.

Messrs. Amasa Keyes and Hezekiah Bissell, Commissaries, to supply all necessary stores and provisions for the troops now to be raised for the defence of this Colony.

On report of the committee to consider how far the commissaries shall be instructed to procure provisions and other supplies for the immediate use of the men now to be raised for the defence of the Colony:

It is now resolved, That Joseph Trumbull, Esq^{r}, Commissary-General, immediately purchase one hogshead of New England rum and one hundred of tin kettles; and that Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth procure as soon as may be one hundred tin kettles and also fifty barrels of pork, also fifty bushels of peas and beans, and immediately forward said peas and beans to the commissary-general; and also procure two hundred hundred-weight of bread; and that Mr. Hezekiah Bissell procure sixty barrels of pork and two hundred and forty hundred-weight of bread; and that the commissaries in Litchfield county procure twenty barrels of pork and eighty hundred-weight of bread; and that the commissaries for the counties of New Haven, New London and Fairfield, each procure fifty barrels of pork and two hundred hundred-weight of bread.

Resolved by this Assembly, That William Pitkin, Thomas Seymour, Oliver Elsworth and Ezekiel Williams, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, be a committee with full power, and they or any three of them are hereby fully impowered, to examine, liquidate, adjust, settle and give needful orders for the payment of the several accounts of the expences that have or may be incurr'd relative to assembling, equipping, supporting, encouraging or paying wages to such of the inhabitants of this Colony that have or may assemble or inlist for the defence of this Colony for the current year; said committee to proceed therein according to such orders, rules and directions, as shall from time to time be given by this Assembly for that purpose.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed and impowered, to take bonds with sufficient sureties, payable to the Governor and Company of this Colony, of every commissary appointed to provide stores and provisions for the troops now raising for the defence of the Colony. And in such bond every commissary shall be obligated faithfully and justly to dispose of the money he shall receive for the purpose aforesaid, and to account with the Committee of Pay-Table for the same.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the chief officers and captains of the several companies now to be inlisted shall be the

pay-masters to their respective companies; and that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed and impowered, to take bonds with sufficient sureties, payable to the Governor and Company of this Colony, of every captain or other person who shall undertake to act as pay-master to any one of said companies now to be enlisted; and in such bond every pay-master shall be obligated faithfully and justly to dispose of the money he shall receive for the purpose aforesaid, and to account with the Committee of the Pay-Table for the same. And such paymaster shall be allowed one and a half *per cent.* for said service.

[441] Whereas a sum of money is necessary for payment of incident charges of government:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of fifty thousand pounds, bills of credit on this Colony, equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations as the committee herein appointed shall direct, and of the same tenor with the late emission of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the tenth day of May, 1777, dated the tenth day of May, 1775. And William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne and Thomas Seymour, Esq[rs], or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care that said bills be imprinted with all convenient speed, and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And the said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the orders of Assembly.

And for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid:

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax of seven pence on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony, according to the list thereof to be brought in to this Assembly in October 1775, with the additions; which tax shall be collected and paid into the treasury of this Colony by the tenth day of May, 1777; which tax may be discharged by paying the bills of this Colony of this emission, or lawful money; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send forth his warrants for collecting the same accordingly.

The committee appointed to take into consideration what disposition is best to be made of the Colony Powder, having made their report, which has been accepted:

It is now resolved, That Capt. Jabez Huntington, of Windham, take into his care all the powder that is lodged in the county of Windham; and that Mr. Winthrop Saltonstall take into his care the powder lodged in the town of New London; and that Jabez Huntington, Esq^{r}, of Norwich, take into his care the powder lodged in the town of Norwich; and that twenty-eight half barrels of the powder lodged at New Haven be sent into the county of Fairfield and committed to the care of Thadeus Burr, Esq^{r}; and that fourteen half barrels of the powder lodged at New Haven be sent to the county of Litchfield, to the care of Lynde Lord, Esq^{r}, of Litchfield; and the remainder of the powder lodged at New Haven be taken into the care of Jonathan Fitch, Esq^{r}, of New Haven. And the aforesaid persons are ordered to deliver out the same according to such orders as shall from time to time be given them, respectively, by the General Assembly of the Colony, or in case of some sudden and extraordinary emergency by the selectmen of the respective towns where the same is lodged, taking their receipts therefor.

And it is further resolved, That if any more powder shall be brought into the Colony for the use and defence thereof, a suitable proportion thereof be committed to the care of John Lawrence, Esq^{r}, of Hartford, and the remainder thereof to be distributed into the several counties in some suitable proportion and committed to the care of the gentlemen beforenamed, to be disposed of as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint and direct Robert Fairchild, Esq^{r}, and Capt. Daniel Judson, to enquire after and take into their care, for the use of the Colony, whatever stores of the camp or military kind belonging to said Colony may be found with the heirs of Theophilus Nichols, Esq^{r}, deceas'd, late a commissary for this government, or in the hands of any other persons in Stratford, and cause any arms which need, to be forthwith repaired, and make report to next Assembly.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Jedediah Strong, to make enquiry at Albany, whether any arms belonging to this Colony and left there during the last war yet remain there; and if any, how many, and in whose custody they are; also to receive and give proper receipts in behalf of this Colony for the same, and cause the same to be transported into this

Colony as soon as conveniently may be, and make report of his doings in the premises to the next General Assembly.*

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Lyman, Enos Allyn, Thomas Howell, Dudley Woodbridge, Joseph Denison the 2d, Stephen Babcock, Gurdon Saltonstall, Thomas Mumford, John Lay, Esq^{rs}, Capt. John Deshon, Capt. Richard Dickinson, and Mr. John McCurdy, a committee to take into consideration the best method and means of securing, defending and protecting our sea coast ports and shipping therein; and to state the facts and report their opinion thereon to this Assembly in May next, jointly or severally, without expence to this Colony.

[442] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That Colo. Gurdon Saltonstall, Samuel Mott, Esq^{r}, and Capt. John Deshon be, and they are hereby appointed, a committee forthwith to prepare carriages and other necessary apparatus for the cannon at New London in this Colony, so that they may be put into the best order for use, in case of necessity for defence.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired, authorized and impowered, to give to Brigadier-General Spencer an order to the colonels of the six regiments under his command, to send to their respective captains to forward the inlistment of the inhabitants and men for the special defence and safety of this Colony, and to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice. And the four regiments commanded by Brigadiers Spencer and Putnam and Colonels Hinman and Parsons, or such part of them as his Honor the Governor shall order, do forthwith get into readiness and march forward to Boston, or such place or places adjoining near thereto as shall be ordered.

Considering the dark and gloomy aspect of Divine Providence over this Colony and land, and that it is the indispensible duty of every people suffering under the afflictive chastisements of a righteous God, with deep repentance, supplication and amendment of life, to endeavour by all the ways which God has prescribed to avert his anger and incline him to become reconciled to his people:

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That it be recommended to all the ministers of the gospel in this Colony, that they earnestly endeavour to dissuade their several congregations from all excess, and all diversions which may be

* In December Mr Strong reported that he had been unable to find or recover any such arms. *Revolutionary War*, I, 377.

improper in the present day of distress; and that both they and their people cry mightily to God, that he would be pleased to spare his people and be gracious unto them, and visit them with his loving kindness and tender mercies, and not give up his heritage to reproach, but preserve unto them their great and important rights and privileges, and guide and prosper the public councils of this Colony and land, and in this hour of difficulty and distress graciously manifest his power in the deliverance and salvation of his people, to the glory of his own name.

This Assembly being informed by Charles Webb, Esq^{r}, colonel of the ninth regiment of militia in this Colony, that Clap Raymond, of Norwalk in said regiment, lieutenant of a company of militia in the parish of Wilton in said Norwalk, of which Mathew Mead is captain, hath ever since said Mead was established and commissioned as captain of said company wholly refused to obey the orders of said captain or do his duty as lieutenant of said company in any respect:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the aforesaid Clap Raymond be notified to appear before the General Assembly to be holden at this place on the second Thursday of May next, to answer unto said information and be dealt with thereupon as the wisdom of said Assembly shall direct; and that in the mean time the said Clap Raymond be and he is hereby suspended from the exercise of his office of lieutenant of the company aforesaid; and the Secretary of this Colony is hereby directed and authorized by warrant under his hand to give notice to said Clap Raymond that he appear and answer as aforesaid.

An Act to repeal an Act entituled An Act in further Addition to an Act of this Colony entituled An Act concerning Book-Debts.

Whereas a further continuance of said act in force at this time may prove very inconvenient and prejudical,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said act be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

An Act to exempt for a limited Time the Persons of Debtors from being imprisoned for Debt.

Whereas in the present situation of our public affairs it will be prejudicial to the Colony, to confine persons in goal for debt,

[443] *Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That during the continuance of this act no person shall

be imprisoned, or confined or held in prison, on any attachment or execution for debt; and in every case wherein any debtor is released out of prison by virtue of this act, who was imprisoned by virtue of an execution for debt, the creditor may take out an alias execution against the estate of such debtor; and the clerk of the court, or the authority before whom the judgment was rendered, is hereby authorized to issue such alias execution upon being certified by the sheriff that such debtor was released out of prison without satisfying the debt; by virtue of which alias execution the lawful fees for the former service and commitment may be collected, as well as the debts.

This act to continue in force until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

This Assembly do establish William Burrall to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Holcomb to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Belding to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Hosmer to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Harriss to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Fletcher to be Captain of the 3d company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Claghorn to be Lieutenant of the 3d company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Dausey to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Brewster to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Smith to be Lieutenant of the 8th company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Smith to be Captain of

the 10th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Tyler to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Davison to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hecox to be Captain of the 2d company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Hinman to be Lieutenant of the 2d company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonas Hinman to be Ensign of the 2d company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Scott to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Thomas to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

[444] This Assembly do establish Nathan Stodard to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Stevens to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Martin Lord to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Bezaleel Bristol to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Reynolds to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Greenwich.

This Assembly do establish George Peck to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Greenwich.

This Assembly do establish John Viber jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the town of New London.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Curtiss to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Moses Foot to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Roger Conant to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asahel Hays to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Hilyer to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Tillotson to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the town of Lyme.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Gaylord to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Cowles jun^{r} to be Ensign of the 9th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Harmon jun^{r} to be Captain of the company or trainband in the second society in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Harmon to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband in the second society in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Pomroy to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the second society in the town of Suffield.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Gernsey and others, inhabitants of the parish of Westbury in the town of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that they have with great care and expence applied themselves to the use of arms and military exercises for a considerable time, have gained considerable skill in military exercises and the art of war, and praying this Assembly to constitute them a special and distinct military company &c., as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists be, and they are hereby constituted and made, a distinct military company, and shall be distinguished by the name of the Nineteenth Company in the tenth regiment in this Colony; with power, under the direction of the field officers. to receive, [445] inlist and enroll others in the room of those || that shall be removed by death, or otherwise, from said company. Provided the inlistment and inrollment aforesaid be made from the two military companies in the parish of Westbury,

in said town of Waterbury, and that inlistment and inrollment do not reduce the number of men in the two military companies aforesaid below the number by law established. And that said company be and they are hereby constituted with all the powers, privileges and advantages, and under the same regulations, that other companies by law are and do enjoy. And the colonel or chief officer of said regiment is hereby directed and impowered, by himself or such officer as he shall appoint, to lead said company to the choice of their officers on their being first formed and inlisted.

Upon the memorial of John Sutliff jun^{r} and others, inhabitants of the society of Northbury in the town of Waterbury, shewing to this Assembly that there are within the limits of the west company or trainband in said society, the major part of which have evidently discovered themselves to be inimical to the constitution of this Colony &c., and under commission officers wholly disaffected to the American cause; praying to be annexed to the new company or trainband in said Northbury, lately establish by this Assembly &c., as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that Thomas Mathews and Timothy Judd, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire how far said commissioned officers are inimical to or disaffected with the American cause, and all matters contained in said memorial, and make report thereof to the next General Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Munson of New Haven, praying for permission to transport in the Sea Flower to the West India Islands twenty-six head of cattle by him purchased for that purpose before laying the embargo by this Assembly: Resolved, that said Munson have liberty, and he is hereby permitted, to transport said cattle in said vessel to the West India Islands.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Webb, of Weathersfield in Hartford county, shewing that before any embargo was laid by this Assembly he had procured twenty cattle and necessary provisions for them, and eighty barrels of pork, to be laden on board a vessel he owns, called the schooner Fox, commanded by James Mitchell, and destined on a voyage to the West Indies, and that said cattle remain on his hands at great expence and loss &c.; praying for liberty to export said cattle in said vessel &c., as per memorial on file, dated May 3d, 1775: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist upon his taking out said eighty barrels of pork, except so much as is necessary for sea stores, have liberty, and liberty is given to him, to export said twenty cattle in said ves-

sel to the West Indies; anything in said act laying an embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Smith, shewing that he had plan'd a voyage to the West Indies &c., purchased fourteen cattle to carry in his vessel before the late embargo was laid by this Assembly; praying for liberty to ship the same &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Hezekiah Smith have liberty, and liberty is hereby given and granted to him, to ship the said fourteen cattle to the West Indies on board the vessel whereof he is master; the said embargo lately laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.*

This Assembly was adjourned by proclamation &c., without day.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'ry.

GOVERNOR TRUMBULL TO GENERAL GAGE.

[From *American Archives*, 4th series, ii, 433-4.]

HARTFORD, April 28, 1775.

Sir: The alarming situation of publick affairs in this country, and the late unfortunate transactions in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, have induced the General Assembly of this Colony, now sitting in this place, to appoint a committee of their body to wait upon your Excellency, and to desire me, in their name, to write to you, relative to those very interesting matters.

The inhabitants of this Colony are intimately connected with the people of your Province, and esteem themselves bound by the strongest ties of friendship, as well as of common interest, to regard with attention whatever concerns them. You will not, therefore, be surprised that your first arrival at Boston with a body of his Majesty's troops, for the declared purpose of carrying into execution certain acts of Parliament, which, in their apprehension, were unconstitutional and oppressive, should have given the good people of this Colony a very just and general alarm. Your subsequent proceedings in fortifying the town of Boston, and other military preparations, greatly increased their apprehensions for the safety of their friends and brethren. They could not be unconcerned spectators of their sufferings in that which they esteemed the common cause of this country: but the late hostile and secret inroads of some of the troops under your command into the heart

*Theophilus Morgan of Killingworth applied by letter of April 30th to the Governor for permission for his vessel to sail from Guilford to the West Indies, having on board lumber, twenty-three oxen, and one horse. Both Houses concurred in desiring the Governor to grant a permit accordingly. *American Archives*, II, 449.

of the country, and the violences they have committed, have driven them almost to a state of desperation. They feel now, not only for their friends, but for themselves and their dearest interests and connections.

We wish not to exaggerate: we are not sure of every part of our information, but by the best intelligence that we have yet been able to obtain, the late transaction was a most unprovoked attack upon the lives and property of his Majesty's subjects; and it is represented to us that such outrages have been committed as would disgrace even barbarians, and much more Britons, so highly famed for humanity as well as bravery.

It is feared, therefore, that we are devoted to destruction, and that you have it in command and intention to ravage and desolate the country. If this is not the case, permit us to ask, why have these outrages been committed? Why is the town of Boston now shut up? To what end are all the hostile preparations that are daily making? And why do we continually hear of fresh destinations of troops to this country? The people of this Colony, you may rely upon it, abhor the idea of taking up arms against the troops of their sovereign, and dread nothing so much as the horrors of a civil war. But, sir, at the same time we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that as they apprehend themselves justified by the principle of self defence, they are most firmly resolved to defend their rights and privileges to the last extremity; nor will they be restrained from giving aid to their brethren if any unjustifiable attack is made upon them.

Be so good, therefore, as to explain yourself upon this most important subject, so far as is consistent with your duty to our common sovereign. Is there no way to prevent this unhappy dispute from coming to extremities? Is there no alternative but absolute submission, or the desolations of war? By that humanity which constitutes so amiable a part of your character, and for the honour of our sovereign and the glory of the British empire, we entreat you to prevent it if possible. Surely it is to be hoped that the temperate wisdom of the Empire might even yet find expedients to restore peace, that so all parts of the empire may enjoy their particular rights, honours and immunities. Certainly this is an event most devoutly to be wished; and will it not be consistent with your duty to suspend the operations of war on your part, and enable us on ours to quiet the minds of the people, at least till the result of some further deliberations may be known?

The importance of the occasion will no doubt sufficiently apologize for the earnestness with which we address you, and any seeming impropriety which may attend it, as well as induce you to give us the most explicit and favourable answer in your power.

I am, with great esteem and respect, in behalf of the General Assembly,

Sir, your most obedient servant.

To his Excellency Thomas Gage, Esq.

General Gage to Governor Trumbull.

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Boston, May 3, 1775.

Sir: I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April last, in behalf of the General Assembly of your Colony, relative to the alarming situation of publick affairs in this country, and the late transactions in this Province.

That this situation is greatly alarming, and that these transactions are truly unfortunate, are truths to be regretted by every friend to America, and by every well-wisher for the peace, prosperity, and happiness of this Province. The intimate connexion and strong ties of friendship between the inhabitants of your Colony and the deluded people of this Province cannot fail of inducing the former to interpose their good offices to convince the latter of the impropriety of their past conduct, and to persuade them to return to their allegiance, and to seek redress of any supposed grievances in those decent and constitutional methods in which alone they can hope to be successful.

That troops should be employed for the purpose of protecting the magistrates in the execution of their duty, when opposed with violence, is not a new thing in the English or any other government. That any acts of the British Parliament are unconstitutional or oppressive I am not to suppose; if any such there are, in the apprehension of the people of this Province, it had been happy for them if they had sought relief only in the way which the constitution, their reason, and their interest, pointed out.

You cannot wonder at my fortifying the town of Boston, or making any other military preparations, when you are assured that, previous to my taking these steps, such were the open threats, and such the warlike preparations throughout this Province, as rendered it my indispensable duty to take every precaution in my power for the protection of his Majesty's troops under my command against all hostile attempts.

The intelligence you seem to have received, relative to the late excursion of a body of troops into the country, is altogether injurious, and contrary to the true state of facts. The troops disclaim with indignation the barbarous outrages of which they are accused, so contrary to their known humanity. I have taken the greatest pains to discover if any were committed, and have found examples of their tenderness, both to the young and the old: but no vestige of their cruelty or barbarity. It is very possible that in firing into houses from whence they were fired upon, that old people, women, or children, may have suffered: but if any such thing has happened, it was in their defence, and undesigned.

I have no command to ravage and desolate the country; and were it my intention, I have had pretence to begin it upon the sea-ports, who are at the mercy of the fleet. For your better information, I enclose you a narrative of that affair, taken from

gentlemen of indisputable honour and veracity, who were eye-witnesses of all the transactions of that day. The leaders here have taken pains to prevent any account of this affair getting abroad but such as they have thought proper to publish themselves; and to that end the post has been stopped, the mails broke open and letters taken out; and by these means the most injurious and inflammatory accounts have been spread throughout the continent, which has served to deceive and inflame the minds of the people.

When the resolves of the Provincial Congress breathed nothing but war; when those two great and essential prerogatives of the King, the levying of troops and disposing of the publick moneys, were wrested from him; and when magazines were forming by an assembly of men unknown to the constitution, for the declared purpose of levying war against the King, you must acknowledge it was my duty, as it was the dictate of humanity, to prevent, if possible, the calamities of a civil war, by destroying such magazines. This, and this alone, I attempted.

You ask, why is the town of Boston now shut up? I can only refer you for an answer to those bodies of armed men who now surround the town and prevent all access to it. The hostile preparations you mention are such as the conduct of the people of this Province has rendered it prudent to make, for the defence of those under my command. You assure me the people of your Colony abhor the idea of taking arms against the troops of their sovereign. I wish the people of this Province (for their own sakes) could make the same declaration.

You inquire, is there no way to prevent this unhappy dispute from coming to extremities? Is there no alternative but absolute submission or the desolations of war? I answer, I hope there is. The King and Parliament seem to hold out terms of reconciliation, consistent with the honour and interest of Great Britain and the rights and privileges of the Colonies. They have mutually declared their readiness to attend to any real grievances of the Colonies, and to afford them every just and reasonable indulgence which shall, in a dutiful and constitutional manner, be laid before them; and his Majesty adds, it is his ardent wish that this disposition may have a happy effect on the temper and conduct of his subjects in America I must add. likewise, the Resolution of the 27th February, on the grand dispute of taxation and revenue, leaving it to the Colonies to tax themselves, under certain conditions. Here is surely a foundation for an accommodation, to people who wish a reconciliation rather than a destructive war between countries so nearly connected by the ties of blood and interest: but I fear the leaders of this Province have been, and still are, intent only on shedding blood.

I am much obliged by your favourable sentiments of my personal character, and assure you, as it has been my constant wish and endeavour hitherto, so I shall continue to exert my utmost endeavour to protect all his Majesty's liege subjects under my care

in their persons and property. You ask, whether it will not be consistent with my duty to suspend the operations of war on my part? I have commenced no operations of war but defensive; such you cannot wish me to suspend, while I am surrounded by an armed country, who have already begun, and threaten further to prosecute an offensive war, and are now violently depriving me, the King's troops, and many others of the King's subjects under my immediate protection, of all the conveniences and necessaries of life, with which the country abounds. But it must quiet the minds of all reasonable people, when I assure you that I have no disposition to injure or molest quiet and peaceable subjects: but on the contrary shall esteem it my greatest happiness to defend and protect them against every species of violence and oppression.

I am, with great regard and esteem, Sir,

Your obedient and humble servant,

THOS. GAGE.

The Hon. Governour Trumbull.

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KING *JAMES* the First, in the eighteenth Year of his Reign, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of *England*, gave the Name of "*New-England in America*," to all that Circuit, Continent and Limits in *America*, "in Breadth from forty Degrees of northerly "Latitude from the Equinoctial Line, to forty-eight "Degrees of said northerly Latitude, and in Length "by all the Breadth, throughout the main Land from "Sea to Sea, with all the Rivers, Seas, Islands, Creeks, "Inlets, Ports and Havens, within the same Degrees "of Latitude and Longitude." *JAMES* I. Patent. Page 5th. Page 4th.

Incorporated the Duke of *Lenox*, and divers other Persons by the Name of "*The Council established at* Plymouth *in the County of* Devon, *for the planting, ruling, ordering and governing of* New-England *in* America"; and to them and their Successors grants all the Lands, &c. Page 5th.

Viz. "That aforesaid Part of *America*, lying and "being in Breadth from forty Degrees of northerly "Latitude from the Equinoctial Line, to forty eight "Degrees of the said northerly Latitude inclusively, "and in Length of and within all the Breadth afore-"said, throughout the main Lands from Sea to Sea, "together also with all the firm Lands, Soils, Grounds, "Havens, Ports, Rivers, Waters, Mines and Minerals, "as well royal Mines of Gold and Silver as other "Mines and Minerals, precious Stones, Quarries, and "all and singular other Commodities, Jurisdictions, "Royalties, Privileges, Franchises and Preheminences, "both within the said Tract upon the Land upon the "Main, and also within the said Islands and Seas "adjoining. Page 13th.

Page 14th. "PROVIDED always, That the said Islands, or any of "the Premises herein before mentioned, and by these "Presents intended and meant to be granted, be not "actually possessed or inhabited by any other Christian "Prince or State, or be within the Bounds, Limits or "Territories of that southern Colony heretofore by us "granted to be planted by divers of our loving Subjects "in the south Part; to be holden in free and common "Soccage, and not in Capite, nor by Knights Service— "yielding and paying therefor the fifth Part of the Ore "of Gold and Silver found. &c.— for, or in Respect of "all Manner of Duties, Demands and Services whatso- "ever, to be done, made or paid, &c.

Page 16th. "AND further, Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do "by these Presents, charge, command, warrant and au- "thorise the said Council, and their Successors, or the "major Part of them, which shall be present and assem- "bled for that Purpose, shall from Time to Time, "under their common Seal, distribute, convey, assign "and set over such particular Portions of Lands, Tene- "ments and Hereditaments, as are by these Presents "formerly granted unto each our loving Subjects, "natural born, or Denizens, or others, as well Adven- "turers as Planters, as by the said Company, upon a "Commission of Survey and Distribution, executed "and returned for that Purpose, shall be named, ap- "pointed and allowed; wherein our Will and Pleasure "is, that Respect be had as well to the Proportion of "the Adventurers, as to the special Hazzard, Exploit "or Merit of any Person to be recompensed, advanced "or rewarded."

1628. *March* 19. Indenture from the Council of *Plymouth*, recited in the *Massachusetts* Patent.

"THE Council established at *Plymouth*, &c. granted "to Sir *Henry Roswell*, Sir *John Young*, Knights, "*Thomas Southcote*, *John Humphreys*, *John Endicott*, "and *Simon Whitcombe*, their Heirs and Assigns, and "their Associates forever, all that Part of *New-England* "in *America* aforesaid, which lies and extends between "a great River there, commonly called *Monomack*, "alias *Merrimack*, and a certain other River there, "called *Charles-River*, being in the Bottom of a Bay "called *Massachusetts*, alias *Mattachusetts*, alias *Matta-* "*tusetts-Bay*, and all and singular those Lands and "Hereditaments whatsoever, lying within the Space of "three *English* Miles, on the South Part of the said "*Charles-River*, or of any or every Part thereof; and "also all and singular the Lands and Hereditaments "whatsoever, lying and being within the Space of "three *English* Miles to the Southward of the souther- "most Part of the said Bay, called *Massachusetts*, alias

"*Mattachusetts*, alias *Mattatusetts-Bay;* and also all those "Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever, which lie and "be within the Space of three *English* Miles to the "Northward of the said River called *Monomack*, alias "*Merrimack*, or to the Northward of any and every "Part thereof and all Lands and Hereditaments what-"soever, lying within the Limits aforesaid North and "South in Latitude and in Breadth; and in Length, "and Longitude, of and within all the Breadth afore-"said, throughout the main Lands there, from the "Atlantic and western Sea and Ocean on the East "Part, to the South Sea on the West Part, and all the "Lands and Grounds, Place and Places, Soil, Woods "and Wood-Grounds, Havens, Ports, Rivers, Waters, "Fishings and Hereditaments whatsoever, lying within "the said Bounds and Limits, and every Part and Parcel "thereof; and also all Islands lying in *America* aforesaid "in the said Seas, or either of them on the western or "eastern Coasts or Parts of the said Tract of Land," &c.

King *CHARLES* the First by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *England*, did grant and confirm unto the said "Sir *Henry Roswell*, &c. their Heirs and As-"signs, and their Associates, all the said Part of *New-*"*England* in *America*, lying and extending between the "Bounds and Limits in the said Indenture expressed," &c. 1629. March 4.

"Provided always, That if the said Lands, Islands, "or any the Premises before-mentioned, and by the said "Letters Patent last-mentioned, intended, and meant to "be granted, were at the Time of the granting of the "said former Letters Patent, dated the third Day of "*November*, in the eighteenth Year of the Reign of his "late Majesty King *JAMES* the First, actually posses-"sed or inhabited by any other Christian Prince or "State, or were within the Bounds, Limits or Territor-"ies of the said southern Colony then before granted "by the said King, to be planted by divers of his lov-"ing Subjects in the South Parts of *America*, that "then the said Grant should not extend to any such "Parts or Parcels thereof so formerly inhabited, or "lying within the Bounds of the southern Plantation "as aforesaid. But as to those Parts or Parcels so "possessed or inhabited by any such Christian Prince "or State, or being within the Boundaries aforesaid, "should be utterly void."

Under the Royal Grants to the Council of *Plymouth*, many derivative Grants were made to many Individuals, as well as to Bodies of Men; under which derivative Grants, as well as under others carved out of them, Derivative Grants.

many Settlements were made in different Parts of the Country described in that Royal Grant; among the Rest, the Tract now commonly known by the Name of *Connecticut*, was in a considerable Degree settled under different derivative Grants from that Company, before it obtained it's present Constitution from King *CHARLES* the Second, having in the mean Time adopted a Form of Government not disapproved at Home, under which they from Time to Time supported the *English* Claim against new Intruders, as well as they were able.

1650. Sept. 23. At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the united Colonies of *New England*, held at *Hartford*, the Honorable *Peter Stuveysant*, Esquire, Governor of the *Dutch New-Netherlands*, came personally, and continued the Claims his Superiors their High Mightinesses of the United Provinces and the Right Honorable the *West-India* Company had to the above-mentioned Lands in Question, for which he desired a full Surrendry, and Satisfaction according to the Quality of the Cause; and an Agreement was at this Time mutually made concerning the Bounds and Limits between the *English* united Colonies, and the *Dutch* Province of *New-Netherlands*, in Manner and Form following, viz.— We agree as followeth, 1st. "That upon *Long-Island*, a Line run from the "westermost Part of *Oyster-Bay*, and so in a straight "and direct Line to the Sea, shall be the Bounds "between the *English* and the *Dutch* there — The "easterly Part to belong to the *English*, the westermost "Part to the *Dutch*.

2dly. "The Bounds upon the Main to begin upon the "west Side of *Greenwich-Bay*, being about four Miles "from *Stamford*, and so to run a northerly Line twenty "Miles up into the Country; and after as it shall be "agreed between the two Governments of *New-Haven* "and the *Dutch* — Provided the said Line come not "within ten miles of *Hudson's-River*. And it is agreed, "that the *Dutch* shall not at any Time hereafter, build "any House or Habitation within six Miles of the said "Line: The Inhabitants of *Greenwich* to remain ('till "further Consideration thereof be had) under the "Government of the *Dutch*.

3dly. "The *Dutch* shall enjoy all the Lands at *Hart-*"*ford* that they are actually possessed of, known or set "out by certain Bounds; and all the Remainder of the "said Lands on both Sides of *Connecticut-River* to be "and remain to the *English* there."

And it was agreed, That the aforesaid Bounds and Limits both upon the Island and upon the Main, shall

be observed and kept inviolate, both by the *English* of the united Colonies, and all the *Dutch* Nation, without any Incroachment or Molestation, until a full and final Determination be agreed upon in *Europe* by mutual Consent of the two States of *England* and *Holland*. The Right or Title to *Delaware* or *South-River*, as they called it, was at that Time left undetermined, and both Parties to remain in *Statu quo prius*, to plead and improve their just Interest at that River, for planting and trading, as they shall see Cause; only it was agreed and desired, that all Proceedings there, as in other Places, may be carried on in Love and Peace, 'till the Right was further considered and justly issued, either in *Europe* or here, by the two States of *England* and *Holland*.

PETITION *to the* KING, *dated 7th June*, 1661. No. 8.

1662. April 23.

KING *CHARLES* the Second, by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *England*, ordained, constituted and declared *John Winthrop*, *John Mason*, *Samuel Wyllys*, and sixteen others by Name, and all such others as then were, or thereafter should be admitted and made free of the Company and Society of the Colony of *Connecticut* in *America*, should from Time to Time, and forever thereafter, be one Body Corporate and Politick in Fact and in Name, by the Name of *The Governor and Company of the* English *Colony of* Connecticut, *in* New-England, *in* America, with certain Powers, Privileges and Authorities; therein was granted to them and their Successors, all that Part of his Dominions in *New-England* in *America*, bounden on the East by *Narragansett-River*, commonly called *Narragansett-Bay*, where the said River falleth into the Sea; and on the North by the Line of the *Massachusetts* Plantation; and on the South by the Sea; and in Longitude as the Line of the *Massachusetts* Colony, running from East to West, that is to say, from the said *Narragansett-Bay* on the East, to the *South-Sea* on the West, with the Islands thereunto adjoining, together with all the firm Lands, &c.— To have and to hold the same unto the said Governor and Company, their Successors and Assigns forever, upon Trust, and to and for the Use and Benefit of themselves and their Associates, Freemen of the said Colony, their Heirs and Assigns, to be holden of the King, his Heirs and Successors, as of his Manor of *East-Greenwich*, in free and common Soccage, and not in Capite, or by Knights Service — Yielding and paying only the fifth Part of the Ore of Gold and Silver, which shall be

there gotten, had or obtained, in Lieu of all Services, Duties and Demands whatsoever.

By this Charter, the two Jurisdictions aforesaid, viz. *Connecticut* and *New-Haven*, were united, and all the Lands aforesaid are granted to them, saving what might be then actually possessed or inhabited by any other Christian Prince or State, &c. as is expressly excepted by the Proviso in the Patent of King *JAMES* the First, before-mentioned, which it is conceived was the Foundation of the Crown Title to *New-York*.

1664. March 12. King *CHARLES* the Second, by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *England*, "gave and "granted unto his Royal Brother *JAMES* Duke of "*York*, all that Part of the main Land in *New-England*, "beginning at a certain Place called and known by the "Name of *Saint Croise*, next adjoining to *New-Scotland*, "in *America*; and from thence extending along the "Sea Coast unto a Place called *Pennequie*, or *Penequid*, "and so up the River thereof to the furthermost Head "of the same, as it tendeth Northward, and extending "from thence to the River *Kenebequie*, and upwards "by the shortest Course to the River called *Canada* "Northward; and also all that Island or Islands com- "monly called by the several Name or Names of "*Mattawacks* or *Long-Island*, situate, lying and being "towards the West of *Cape-Cod* and the *Narragansetts*, "abutting upon the main Land between the two "Rivers there, called and known by the Names of "*Connecticut* and *Hudson's-River*; together also with "the said River called *Hudson's-River*, and all the Land "from the West Side of *Connecticut-River* to the East "Side of *Delaware-Bay*; and all the several Islands, "called or known by the Names of *Martin's-Vineyard* "and *Nantucks*, otherwise *Nantucket*; together with "all the Lands, Soils, Islands, &c.— And all his "Estates, Right, Title, Interest, Benefit and Advantage "Claim and Demand, of, in or to the said Lands and "Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof."

The *Dutch* and *Swedes* were at that Time possessed of the Lands now belonging to the Colonies of *New-York* and *New-Jersey*, and had made considerable Plantations and Improvements there.——— Whereupon they contended, that *Hudson* was sent out by the *Dutch East-India* Company, to discover a North-West Passage to *China*; and that having discovered *Delaware-Bay*, he proceeded to *New-York*, and penetrated up *Hudson's-River* as far Northward as Latitude 43° — That in 1714 the States-General granted a Patent to

sundry Merchants, for an exclusive Trade on that River.— That the same Year they built a Fort on the West Side of the same, near *Albany*.— That this Claim being prior to the Grant made to the Council of *Plymouth*, these Lands did not pass to said Council, and consequently not to the Colony of *Connecticut* by the former Patent, nor by King *CHARLES* the Second's renewed Charter, granted and made in *April* 1662.

1664. April 26. At this Time King *CHARLES* the Second meditated sending a Force to cause the *Dutch* to surrender the Lands by them possessed in his Dominions, as aforesaid: and granted the same by his Letters Patent to his Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, in Manner before-mentioned: He also gave a Commission to Colonel *Richard Nicholls*, to dispossess the *Dutch* of the Territories by them claimed, and called *New-Netherlands;* and to take Possession of the same for the Duke of *York*, as granted to him in and by the said Patent. ——— This Design he came upon, and accordingly executed the same in *August*. Upon which it became necessary to settle the Extent of the *Dutch* Claim Eastward, and thereby to ascertain the Bounds and Limits of his Royal Highness the Duke's Patent, and the Patent of *Connecticut*. For this Purpose, 1664.

1664. April 26. No. 10. His Majesty had constituted and appointed Col. *Richard Nicholls*, Sir *Robert Carr*, Knight, *George Cartwright* and *Samuel Marverick*, his Commissioners to visit the *New-England* Colonies, with full Power and Authority to hear, receive, examine and determine all Complaints and Appeals, and proceed in all Things for providing for and settling the Peace of said Country; who did accordingly settle and determine as follows, viz.

1664. Nov. 30. No. 11. "By Virtue of His Majesty's Commission, We have "heard the Difference about the Bounds of the Patent "granted to his Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, "and to his Majesty's Colony of *Connecticut;* and "having deliberately considered the Reasons alledged "by Mr. *Allen*, Senr. Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Richards* and Capt. "*Winthrop*, appointed by The Assembly held at *Hart-*"*ford* the 13th *October* 1664, to accompany *John* "*Winthrop*, Esq; the Governor of his Majesty's Colony "of *Connecticut* to *New-York*, and by Mr. *Howell* and "Capt. *Young*, why the said *Long-Island* should be "under the Government of *Connecticut*, which are too "long here to be recited.—— We do declare and order "the southern Bounds of his Majesty's Colony of *Con-*"*necticut* is the Sea, and that *Long-Island* is to be under

"the Government of his Royal Highness the Duke of "*York*, as is expressed by plain Words in said Charters "respectively.— And also by Virtue of his Majesty's "Commission, and by the Consent of both the Govern- "ors and the Gentlemen above-named, We do also "order and declare, that the Creek or River which is "called *Monoromock*, which is reputed to be about "twelve Miles to the East of *West-Chester*, and a Line "drawn from the East Point or Side where the fresh "Water falls into the Salt at High-Water Mark North- "North-West to the Line of the *Massachusetts*, be the "Western Bounds of the said Colony of *Connecticut*— "And all Plantations lying Westward of that Creek "and Line so drawn, shall be under his Royal High- "ness's Government; and all the Plantations lying "Eastward of that Creek and Line, to be under the "Government of *Connecticut*."

To this the Commissioners therein mentioned from *Connecticut* subscribed in the Words following, viz. "We under-written, on Behalf of the Colony of *Con-* "*necticut*, have assented unto the Determination of his "Majesty's Commissioners, in Relation to the Bounds "and Limits of his Royal Highness the Duke's Patent, "and the Patent of *Connecticut*."

Col. Nicholls remained in the Administration of the Duke's Government three Years, which was chiefly taken up in examining and settling the antient *Dutch* Grants.

1665. March 4. War was proclaimed between *England* and the States General —— The *English* held these Territories during it's Continuance, which concluded the 21st *July* 1667, by the Treaty of *Breda*.

1672. *England* commenced another War against the States General — And,

1673. June 30. *New-York* and it's Territories were recovered by the *Dutch*, and their Government was again revived and continued 'till 1674, on a Treaty of Peace between the belligerent Powers, signed at *Westminster* in *February*, the *English* Government was restored.

1674. June 29. On the Conclusion of this Peace, his Royal Highness the Duke of *York* obtained from the King, renewed Letters Patent of the same Lands and Territories, in the same Words with the former, differing in nothing save this Date.

1681. Febr'. 28. No. 12. Sir *William Penn*'s Patent. King *CHARLES* the Second, by his Letters Patent, gave and granted unto "Sir *William Penn*, his Heirs "and Assigns, all that Tract or Parcel of Land in "*America*, with all the Islands therein contained, as

"the same is bounded on the East of *Delaware-River*, "from twelve Miles Northward of *New-Castle* Town, "unto the three and fortieth Degree of Northern "Latitude, if the said River doth extend so far North-"wards, then by the said River so far as it doth extend, "and from the Head of the said River the Eastern "Bounds are to be determined by a Meridian Line to "be drawn from the Head of the said River, unto the "said three and fortieth Degree —— The said Lands "to extend Westwards five Degrees in Longitude, to "be computed from the said Eastern Bounds.— And "the said Lands to be bounded on the North by the "Beginning of the three and fortieth Degree of North-"ern Latitude, and on the South by a Circle drawn at "twelve Miles Distance from *New-Castle* Northwards "and Westwards unto the Beginning of the fortieth "Degree of Northern Latitude, and then by a straight "Line Westward to the Limits of Longitude above-"mentioned —— To have, hold, possess and enjoy unto "the said *William Penn*, his Heirs and Assigns," &c.

THE Northern Part of the Bounds and Limits of this Grant, laps on and spreads over some Parts of the Western Lands before granted to the Colony of *Connecticut*, and confirmed by the renewed Charter or Patent aforesaid from King *CHARLES* the Second, which occasions the present Enquiry.—— And as the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* principally object to the Title of *Connecticut*, the Settlement aforesaid with the Province of *New-York*, as fixing and limiting the Western Extention of the Colony of *Connecticut*. It is necessary to exhibit the Foundation and Reason of that Settlement, and all that has been done thereon. —— It appears,—

1683. Nov. 23. Agreement between *New-York* and *Connecticut*. No. 13.

"AT a Council held at *Fort-James* in *New-York*, "certain Articles of Agreement were concluded upon "between Col. *Thomas Dungan*, then Governor of "that Province on one Side, and *Robert Treat*, Esq; "Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, Major *Nathan* "*Gold*, Captain *John Allyn*, Secretary, and *William* "*Pitkin* in Commission with him from *Connecticut*, "on the other Side; wherein it is agreed, that the "Bounds, Meets and Dividends between his Royal "Highness's Territories or Province in *America*, and "the Colony of *Connecticut* forever hereafter shall "begin at a certain Brook or River which is between "the Towns of *Rye* and *Greenwich*, at a Point called "*Lyon's-Point*, the Eastern Point of *Byram-River*, from "thence to go as the River runs to the Place where "the common Road or Wading-Place over the River

"is, and from thence to go North-North-West into the "Country, so far as will be eight *English* Miles from "the aforesaid *Lyon's-Point* — And that a Line of "twelve Miles being measured from the said *Lyon's-*"*Point* according to the Line or general Course of the "Sound Eastward, where the said twelve Mile Line "endeth, another Line shall be run from the Sound "eight Miles into the Country North-North-West; and "also that a fourth Line be run, that is to say, from "the North-West End of the eight Mile Line, being "the third Line mentioned, which fourth Line with "the first-mentioned Line, shall be the Bounds where "they shall fall to run — And then from the Eastward "End of the fourth-mentioned Line a parallel Line "to *Hudson's-River*, in every Place twenty Miles "Distance therefrom, shall be the Bounds there, be-"tween the said Territories or Province of *New-York* "and the Colony of *Connecticut*, so far as *Connecticut* "Colony doth extend Northward, that is, to the South "Line of the *Massachusetts* Colony — Only it is pro-"vided, That in Case the Line from *Byram's-Brook* "Mouth North-North-West eight Miles, and the Line "that is then to be run twelve Miles to the End of the "third afore-mentioned Line of eight Miles, do diminish "or take away Land within Twenty Miles of *Hudson's-*"*River*, that then so much as is in Land diminished "of twenty Miles of *Hudson's-River* thereby, shall be "added out of *Connecticut* Bounds unto the Line afore-"mentioned parallel to *Hudson's-River*, and twenty "Miles distant from it, the Addition to be made the "whole Length of the said parallel Line, and in such "Breadth as shall make up Quantity for Quantity "what shall be diminished as aforesaid.— Surveyors "to be appointed from each Government to run the "before-mentioned Lines and Bounds, between his "Royal Highness's Government of *New-York* and "the Colony of *Connecticut* to meet at the Town of "*Stamford*, on the first *Wednesday* of *October* next — "And if it please the King's Majesty and his Royal "Highness to accept and confirm these Articles, "they shall be good to all Intents forever between "his Royal Highness, his Heirs and Assigns, and the "Corporation of *Connecticut* and their Successors." —— 1684, *October* 10th, An actual Survey of the Lands and Places mentioned in said Agreement was made and reported by the Surveyors and Commissioners appointed for that Service ——— Nothing further was done thereon, until the *ex parte* Application of *New-York*, viz.

AT a Court at *Kensington*, King *WILLIAM* in Council — Upon Occasion of Differences and Disputes between the said Province and Colony, relating to the Right of Government over the Towns of *Bedford* and *Rye*, lying on their Borders; and for determining that Difference, and preventing all future Disputes about the Division Line and Boundaries between the said Province and Colony — His Majesty was pleased to declare his Royal Approbation and Confirmation of the said Agreement and Survey, whereof the respective Governments of *New-York* and *Connecticut*, the Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*, and all Persons whom it might concern, were to take due Notice and conform themselves thereunto. 1700. March 28.

THE SUM IS,

THAT King *JAMES* the First, by Letters Patent in the eighteenth Year of his Reign, gave the Name of *New-England in America*, to that Part of the *American* Continent, in Breadth from the fortieth Degree to the forty-eighth Degree of Northerly Latitude, inclusively, and in Length from Sea to Sea, with all the Islands, &c. in both Seas; and incorporated the Duke of *Lenox* and divers other Persons, by the Name of the Council established at *Plymouth*, in the County of *Devon*, for planting, ordering, ruling and governing of *New-England* in *America*; and granted to them the Lands, &c. therein described, with certain Powers, Authorities, Privileges and Immunities therein specified, excepting such Part of the said Lands or any the Premises as were then actually possessed or inhabited by any other Christian Prince or State, &c. meaning palpably by the said Grant, together with the Grant to the Southern of the *Virginia* Company, to support the Claim of the Crown of *England*, and for that Purpose to convey to the Grantees the Whole of *North-America*, except the Parts so actually possessed.

UNDER the Authority and Grants of said Council established at *Plymouth*, divers Settlements were made, viz. the Colonies of *New-Plymouth*, *Massachusetts-Bay* and *Connecticut*.

KING *CHARLES* the Second, by his renewed Charter or Letters Patent in the fourteenth Year of his Reign, incorporated the Colony of *Connecticut*, by the Name of *The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut, in New-England, in America*, gave the Powers and Authorities, and granted the Lands agreeable to the Bounds and Limits in the said Patent mentioned and described.—— The *French* at

Saint Croise, &c. the *Dutch* and *Swedes* at *Hudson's-Bay* and *Delaware*, had taken Possession of, and claimed the Lands at those Places, before the Charter of *JAMES* the First, and the same being so possessed by another Christian Prince or State, were thereby saved out of the said Patent of *JAMES* the First — Whereupon King *CHARLES* the Second granted the same to his Royal Highness the Duke of *York* — On the *Dutch*, &c. being dispossessed, it became necessary to settle the Lines and Limits of the Land granted to the Duke of *York*, which had been so possessed and inhabited, that thereby the Bounds and Limits of the Duke's Patent, and the Patent of *Connecticut* might be settled; which was done accordingly.

The Lands lying Eastward of the Province of *New-York* had been obtained by Conquests, Settlements and Grants made over and by the aboriginal native Proprietors, and the Propriety and Right of Government in and over the same was then fully ascertained — Those lying Westward of the said Province, remained in the Possession and under the Government of the original *Indian* Proprietors, who were unwilling to sell and remove from them, or any of them, and which the Governors of *Connecticut* were less sollicitous to purchase, because they had not 'till lately conveyed Country on the East of *New-York* Line with Inhabitants.——— But the *Indians* have lately conveyed Part of the Lands to the Westward of any Lands heretofore occupied by the *Dutch* or any foreign Nation, to certain Individuals in the Colony of *Connecticut*, and others, called the *Susquehannah Company*, and other Part the said *Indians* have sold to the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, and resigned the Residue to the Crown.——— As the Boundaries of the Lands actually possessed and inhabited by the *Dutch* and *Swedes*, and granted to the Duke of *York* as aforesaid, both on the East and West Sides, are now settled, or otherwise sufficiently described or known; It is conceived on the Part of the Governor and Company of *Connecticut*, who have not been wanting in settling the whole Country comprised in their Grant as fast as the Nature of Things would permit, that all the Rest and Residue remained to them, according to the Bounds described in their Patent; and that the sole Right of Preemption, with the Powers and Authorities of Government, after the Country shall be purchased of the *Indians*, was in the Crown to grant, by the beforementioned Letters Patent, and were accordingly amply and fully granted to the Governor and Company of

Connecticut as aforesaid, and now remain in them, the Settlement aforesaid with *New-York* notwithstanding.

On the Contrary, the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* insist that they have the sole Right of Purchase and Government by Virtue of their Grant aforesaid, which passed nineteen Years after the last renewed Charter to the Governor and Company of *Connecticut*, who they alledged are estopped by the said Settlement, with *New-York;* and Disputes having arisen thereon,

QUESTION I. Do the Words *actually possessed and occupied*, extend to Lands on the West Side of the *Dutch* Settlements, which were at the Time of the Grant of *JAMES* the First in a perfect Wilderness State, but divided from the *English* Settlements by the actual Possession of the *Dutch?* — And did the Grant to the Council of *Plymouth* mean to except in Favor of Foreigners, not only what they had actually planted, but all to the Westward of such Plantation?

We are of opinion that the Words actually possessed and enjoyed, *do not extend to Lands on the West Side of the* Dutch *Settlements, which were at the Time of the Grant of* JAMES *the First in a Wilderness State, though divided from the* English *Settlements by the actual Possession of the* Dutch. *And that the Grant to the Council of* Plymouth *did not mean to except in Favor of any One, any Thing to the Westward of such Plantations.*

Quest. II. Have not the said Governor and Company of the Colony of *Connecticut* the Right of Preemption and the Title under the Crown to the Lands aforesaid within the Limits and Bounds of their Patent aforesaid, lying Westward of the Province of *New-York*, and not included in the Charter of King *CHARLES* the Second to the Duke of *York*, notwithstanding the several Settlements of Boundaries between the Colony on the East and the Province on the West, made as well by Agreement between the Parties as under the Royal Authority, and notwithstanding the subsequent Charter to Sir *William Penn?*

The agreement between the Colony of Connecticut *and the Province of* New-York, *can extend no further than to settle the Boundaries between the respective Parties, and has no effect upon other Claims that either of them had in other Parts; and as the Charter to* Connecticut *was granted but eighteen Years before that to Sir* William Penn, *there is no Ground to contend that the Crown could at that Period make an effectual Grant to him of that Country which had been so recently granted to others. But if the Country had been actually settled under the latter Grant, it would now be a*

Matter of considerable Doubt, whether the Right of the Occupiers or the Title under which they hold, could be impeached by a prior Grant, without actual Settlement.

Quest. III. What Course of Proceedings will it be legal and expedient for the Governor & Company of *Connecticut* to pursue on the whole State and Circumstances in this Case, in order to terminate all Disputes and Differences relative to said Lands?

In Case the Governor and Company shall in point of Prudence think it expedient to make their Claim and support it, it will be proper either amicably and in Concurrence with the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, or in Case of the Refusal of those Proprietaries, without them to apply to the King in Council, praying his Majesty to appoint Commissioners in America *to decide the Question, with the usual Power of Appeal.*

E. Thurlow,
Alr. Wedderburn,
Rd. Jackson,
J. Dunning.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTED BY THE

General Assembly of this Colony,

TO TREAT WITH THE

Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*,

RESPECTING THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS COLONY AND THAT PROVINCE.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE *Case having been stated, and Council of the first Eminence in* Great-Britain *consulted, on the Right and Title of the Governor and Company of the Colony of* Connecticut, *to the Lands within the Limits and Bounds of their Patent, lying Westward of the Province of* New-York, *notwithstanding the Settlements of Boundaries between this Colony and that Province, and notwithstanding the subsequent Charter to Sir* WILLIAM PENN.

Their Opinion was given in Favor of the Right and Title of the Governor and Company to said Lands;— and they directed the Course of Proceedings, legal and expedient for the Governor and Company of Connecticut *to pursue, to be either amicably and in Concurrence with the Proprietaries of* Pennsylvania, *or in Case of the Refusal of those Proprietaries, without them to apply to the King and Council, praying his Majesty to appoint Commissioners in* America *to decide the Question with the usual Power of Appeal.*

The General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, *holden at* New-Haven *in* October *last,— Resolved to make their Claim to those Lands, and in a legal Manner to support the same.— Col.* DYER, *Doct.* JOHNSON *and Mr.* STRONG, *were thereupon appointed and commissioned to treat with Governor* PENN, *and the Agent or Agents of the Proprietaries of* Pennsylvania, *respecting an amicable Agreement between the Colony and the said Proprietaries, concerning the Boundaries of this Colony and the Province of* Pennsylvania: *But if said Proprietaries preferred joining in an Application to His Majesty for Commissioners to settle said Line, in that Case the*

Committee were authorised to join on Behalf of this Colony in such Application: And they were further directed to consult and agree with Governor PENN *upon such Measures as would tend to preserve Peace and good Order among the Inhabitants of said Lands, and prevent mutual Violence and Contention, during the Time the Boundaries between this Colony and the Proprietaries of that Province remain undetermined.*

The following Representation of the Commissioners afore-mentioned, was made to the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, *holden at* Hartford, *by Adjournment, on the second* Wednesday *of* January 1774, *relative to the subject Matter of their Commission.*

REPORT, &c.

To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of CONNECTICUT, *now holden at* Hartford, *in said Colony, by Adjournment.*

PURSUANT to your Honor's Appointment, and the Nomination of the general Committee convened at *Norwich*, We the Subscribers, with all the Dispatch that the Situation of our private Affairs, and the advanced Season of the Year would admit of, repaired to *Philadelphia*, to wait upon Governor PENN, for the Purposes in the Votes and Resolutions of this Assembly in *October* last mentioned and directed.

WE arrived there on the 14th Day of *December* last; and the next Morning notified Governor PENN of our Arrival, and requested an Audience of him by the following Card;

"COL. DYER, Dr. JOHNSON, and Mr. STRONG, from *Connecticut*, "present their respectful Compliments to His Honor Gov-"ernor PENN, and acquaint him, that they are directed by the "General Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to lay before him "the Votes and Resolutions of that Assembly, relative to the "Lands contained within the Limits and Boundaries of the Charter "of that Colony, and claimed by the Honorable Proprietaries of "*Pennsylvania*; and beg the Favor of him to acquaint them, when "it may be convenient for them to wait upon him for that Purpose.

"*Wednesday Morning, 15th Dec. 1773.*"

THE Governor gave us the following Answer, viz.

"THE Governor presents his Compliments to Col. DYER, Dr. "JOHNSON, and Mr. STRONG, and will be ready to receive them "in Council at Twelve o'Clock To-Day, at his House in *Chestnut*-"Street.

"*Wednesday Morning, Dec. 15th, 1773*"

ACCORDINGLY, at the Hour appointed, we waited upon him, when he politely received us in full Council. We then delivered him His Honor the Governor's Letter, and laid before him the Votes

and Resolutions of this Assembly which were committed to us, which he caused to be read by his Secretary. We then summarily stated to him, the Purport of our Message, and of those Votes and Resolutions; observing, that the Subject Matter of them properly divided itself into three distinct Questions, viz.

1*st.* WHETHER he would enter into a Negotiation with us, for the Purpose of settling the Limits and Boundaries between the Colony of *Connecticut* and the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, and the whole Controversy relative thereto? Or if not,

2*dly.* WHETHER he would join with the Colony in an Application to his Majesty in Council, to appoint Commissioners to decide it? And,

3*dly.* CONSULT with us, and agree upon such Measures as might preserve Peace and good Order among the Inhabitants settled in the contested Country, while the Dispute should be depending?

To all which we requested distinct and express Answers.

AFTER some Conversation with his Council, he observed to us, that he apprehended he could not, with Propriety, enter into any Negotiation with us, until he was particularly acquainted with the Nature and precise Extent of the *Connecticut* Claim, to which he was a Stranger; and that it ought to be laid before him in Writing, &c.

To which we replied, that we had no Objection, except the Length of Time it might take up to transact the whole Affair with him in Writing; but that we apprehended he could be no Stranger to our Claim, which was a Matter of public Notoriety; that it was, to the Purpose of our Negotiation, sufficiently expressed and designated in the Votes and Resolutions of Assembly which were before him; or if it was expedient to state it more precisely and in Writing, that it was necessary that the Requisition should also be in writing; which he agreed was right, and that he would accordingly make a written Requisition. Upon which we withdrew, and the next Morning received the following Letter.

"*Philadelphia, the 15th of December, 1773.*

"GENTLEMEN,

"I HAVE taken into Consideration the Letter you this Day "delivered me from Governor TRUMBULL, and the Act of "Assembly, and several Resolves of the Governor and Assembly "of the Colony of *Connecticut*, respecting their Claim of Lands "within the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and appointing you a Com- "mittee, with Power to treat with me and the Proprietary Agents, "respecting an amicable Settlement of that Claim. As a Step "previous to my treating with you on that Subject, it appears to "me necessary and proper that you should lay before me, in

"Writing, the precise Extent of their Claim, which I request you "will favor me with as soon as possible, and am,

"GENTLEMEN,

"Your most obedient

"Humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN."

To which we gave this Answer;

"*Philadelphia, 15th Dec. 1773.*

"SIR,

"WE beg leave to return your Honor our sincere Thanks for "the early Attention you have been pleased to give to the "Papers we had the Honor to lay before you this Morning.

"FROM those Papers it is apparent that we are directed to treat "only upon the Claims therein mentioned, and are to negotiate "rather a Mode of obtaining an amicable Settlement of the Contro- "versy between the Colony and the Proprietaries, than an actual "and precise Settlement of the Line and Boundaries between "them. We therefore apprehend that the Claim on the Part of "the Colony of *Connecticut*, is, to the Purpose of the Negotiation "with which we are charged, sufficiently designated in the Acts of "Assembly now before you. But as we bring with us the most "sincere Disposition to effect, if possible, an amicable Settlement "of this Controversy, that we may give every Facility in our "Power, towards the Accomplishment of so very desirable an "Object, we will further mention to you, That the Title to the "Lands in Question, on the Part of the Colony of *Connecticut*, is "principally founded upon the Royal Charter to the Governor and "Company of that Colony from his late Majesty King CHARLES "the Second, dated at *Westminster*, *Anno* 1662; the Boundaries of "which are thus expressed; "All that Part of our Dominions in "*New-England* in *America*, bounden on the East by *Narraganset-* "*River*, commonly called *Narraganset-Bay*, where the said River "falleth into the Sea, and on the North by the Line of the *Mas-* "*sachusetts* Plantation, and on the South by the Sea, and in Longi- "tude as the Line of the *Massachusetts* Colony running from East "to West; That is to say, from the said *Narraganset-Bay* on the "East, to the South-Sea on the West, with the Islands thereunto "joining, together with all firm Lands," &c. Which Limits and "Boundaries do include a considerable Part of the Lands after- "wards granted by the Crown to Sir WILLIAM PENN, in 1681, and "which constitute a Part of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, as now "claimed by the Proprietaries; but what Part in certain of those "Lands are so contained within the Limits of the Patent to "*Connecticut*, can be known only by actually running and ascer- "taining the Lines of that Patent, which we conceive will be best "done by the Commissioners mutually appointed by the Colony "and the Honorable Proprietaries. And We on the Part of the "Colony, are now ready to agree to such Commissioners, who

"shall be fully authorised to execute the same in the most effectual "Manner, as soon as possible. We are at the same Time sensible, "that a Doubt may arise, in what Direction the Southern Line of "the Patent of *Connecticut* shall cross the Patent to Sir WILLIAM "PENN; whether agreeable to the ancient Boundary of *New-Eng-* "*land*, at the 40th Degree of N. Latitude, according to the Course "of the Sea or Sound upon which the Grant to *Connecticut* is in "Part bounded, viz. in a Course nearly W. S. W. or according to "the Courseof the Southern Line of the Province of the *Massa-* "*chusetts-Bay*, which is the Northern Line of *Connecticut*, and is "nearly East and West, we conceive may well be left to be "discussed before such Commissioners, and by them decided; in "which we will acquiesce, unless by mutual Concessions, to which, "for the Sake of Peace, we shall not be averse, we can agree to fix "precisely the Course by which that Line shall be run.

"We are, with great Truth and Esteem,

"SIR, your most obedient and most humble Servants,

"ELIPHALET DYER,
"WILLIAM-SAMUEL JOHNSON,
"JEDIDIAH STRONG,
} Commissioners from the Colony of *Connecticut*.

"GOVERNOR PENN."

AND thereto received the following Reply;

"*Philadelphia, the 17th of December, 1773.*

"GENTLEMEN,

"I YESTERDAY received your Favour in Answer to my Requisi- "tion that you would lay before me the precise Extent of the "Claim of the Colony of *Connecticut;* but must own I am much "disappointed to find that, instead of complying with my Request, "you have only in general referred me to the Expressions of your "Charter of 1662, which are by no Means determinate, and you "yourselves admit to be of doubtful Interpretation.

"THE Uncertainty in the Bounds and Extent of that Charter, as "well as of other of the *New-England* Grants, occasioned a Royal "Commission to issue so early as within Two Years after the Date "of your Charter, for the declared Purpose of settling the Bounds "and Limits of their several Charters and Jurisdictions; in Conse- "quence of which a North-North-West Line drawn from *Mamoro-* "*nick-River* to the Line of the *Massachusetts*, was declared, and "expresly fixed and established to be the Western bounds of the "Colony of *Connecticut;* which Boundary was then solemnly as- "sented to, ratified and confirmed by the Governor and Commis "sioners of the Colony.

"AFTER this Settlement of your Western Boundary, the Grant "of *Pennsylvania* was made to WILLIAM PENN, the Duke of *York* "also relinquishing his Claim to the Lands comprised therein; and "it was never understood by the Crown at that Time, nor by the "Grantee WILLIAM PENN, nor by any other Persons for near "Eighty Years, so far as I have heard, that the Grant of *Pennsyl-*

"*vania* any Way intrenched upon, or approached near any of the "*New-England* Grants, 'till the late Claim was set up on the Part "of your Colony.

"BEING clearly of Opinion, for these and many other Reasons, "that the present Claim made by your Government, of any Lands "Westward of the Province of *New-York*, is without the least "Foundation, you cannot reasonably expect that I should accept "of the Proposal of settling and ascertaining the Boundaries "between the Colony of *Connecticut* and this Province, or enter "with you into a Negotiation on that Subject: Nor can, I, with "any Propriety, agree to the Alternative proposed in the Act of "Assembly of your Colony, which you have laid before me, viz. "'That if we cannot agree amicably to ascertain those Boundaries, "then to join in an Application to His Majesty to appoint Com-"missioners for that Purpose," because in either of these Cases, I "should admit a Claim on the Part of your Colony, which the "Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* are well advised cannot be sup-"ported, without giving your Charter a Construction different "from what has been determined to be the Sense of other Charters, "of the like Kind, nor without allowing your Limits to extend far "beyond those heretofore fixed by the Royal Authority.

"BUT if your Colony, Gentlemen, should still apprehend they "have a just Claim to Lands within the Grant of this Province, "and should adhere to their late Resolve to assert and support it, "you may be assured that the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* most "ardently wish to have the Matter brought to the most speedy "Issue possible, and that, upon a Petition for that Purpose, to be "preferred by your Government to His Majesty in Council, which "it is apprehended is the proper constitutional Tribunal to apply "to on this Occasion, they will appear on the first Notice, and "answer such Petition, and give all the Dispatch in their Power "to bring the Matter to a final Decision.

"IT gives me the greatest Concern, when I call to Mind the "repeated Outrages which have been committed by a Number of "lawless People from your Colony, who, without any Warrant or "Authority from the Government of *Connecticut*, have for some "Years past, forcibly, and in an hostile Manner, dispossessed the "Tenants who were settled on Lands under Warrants and by the "Licence of the Proprietors of *Pennsylvania*.

"I SHALL however be ready to hear any reasonable Proposals you "may have to offer for putting an End to such Violence, and restore "the public Tranquility in future, and shall chearfully join with "you in any proper and equitable Measures to effect so valuable a "Purpose.

"I am,

"GENTLEMEN,

"Your most obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN."

Your Committee imagining from the above Letter, as well as from Conversation with several principal Members of Council, that little Prospect remained of succeeding in the two first Branches of their Negotiation, and considering that the Peace of the Settlers was a diffuse Subject, and that a Treaty upon it, in the Course they were in, might be protracted to an immoderate Length, and consume much Time; to abbreviate and expedite it as much as possible, they requested of the Governor a free Conference with him upon the Subject, to which we were accordingly admitted (he sitting again in Council) on *Saturday* the 18th of *December*, at 11 o'Clock.

In the Course of this Conference the whole Subject was fully discussed, and particularly that Part of it which respected the Quiet of the Inhabitants of the contested Country, during the Pendency of the Controversy; to effect which, your Committee proposed a personal Distinction of the Settlers for the Purpose of Jurisdiction, by their entering their Names in some proper Office; which after a full Discussion was rejected, and the Conference ended between One and Two o'Clock.

On *Monday* Morning, the 20th, we transmitted the following Answer to the last above-recited Letter from Governor Penn;

"*Philadelphia, 18th December, 1773.*

"SIR,

"WE are extremely sorry to find, by your Favor of Yesterday, "that all Hopes of an amicable Settlement of the Con- "troversy between the Colony of *Connecticut* and the Proprietaries "of *Pennsylvania* are at an End — that you are of Opinion, that "you cannot, with any Propriety, enter into any Negotiation with "us for that Purpose — or even accept the Alternative proposed in "the Act of Assembly of our Colony, of a joint Application to His "Majesty to appoint Commissioners to decide it.

"That his Majesty in Council is the Constitutional Tribunal by "which we must be finally decided in all Disputes of this Nature, "we agree, and are persuaded that all it's Decisions will ever be "founded in the strictest Impartiality and Justice. Yet, it must "be admitted, it is a Tribunal which, from it's Distance, it's Con- "stitution and other Circumstances, is attended always with great "Expence, frequently with much Delay to the Suitors. We cannot "therefore but be of the Opinion, that it would have been more "eligible for the Colony and the Proprietors, to have settled this "Dispute by Agreement between themselves, or by Reference to "Gentlemen of Judgment and Impartiality in the neighbouring "Colonies, who might have immediately decided it upon the Spot, "with little Expence; or even, if it was judged more expedient to "apply to His Majesty in Council, we apprehend much Delay and "Expence might have been saved, and a more conclusive Decision "obtained by a joint Application.

"The Reasons which you have been pleased to mention as the "Ground of your Opinion upon this Subject, do not appear to us "to be conclusive. There is a clear Distinction between a Claim "and a Right; and however ill founded the Claim of the Colony "may by you be imagined to be, yet that it is an existing Claim, "cannot be denied; and how the Admission of such Claim, so far "as to negotiate upon it, to attempt to settle it, or to join in an "Application to His Majesty for an Adjudication upon it, can, in any "Respect, prejudice the Right, we cannot comprehend.——— The "Colony and the Proprietaries both claim the same Country, the "Right to that Country can be in but one of them — The Claim on "both Sides must be admitted, the Right alone will be disputed; it "can therefore prejudice neither Party, or must affect both equally, "to submit in any proper Manner, that Right, to be discussed and "adjudicated.

"We apprehend that your Honor is much mistaken in imagining "that the Settlement of the Line between the Colony of *Connecticut* "and the Grant to the Duke of *York* in 1664, was in any Degree "occasioned by the Uncertainty of the Bounds and Extent of the "Charter to *Connecticut* and the other *New-England* Grants. That "Determination had another and a very different Foundation, viz. "the Possession on the Part of the *Dutch*, of that Territory which "was afterwards granted to the Duke of *York;* a Possession which "occasioned it's being excepted out of the original Grant to the "Council of *Plymouth*, and in fact prevented it's being ever vested "in the Crown until the Conquest thereof by Col. *Nichols* in "*August* 1664.——As that Territory, therefore, was not, in 1662, "in the Crown to grant, no Part of it could pass, by the Patent, to "*Connecticut;* and it became absolutely necessary, after the Con-"quest and the Grant to the Duke of *York*, to ascertain what "Extent of Territory had been so possessed by the *Dutch* and "excepted out of the antecedent Grants from the Crown, and "accordingly the Commission under which that Settlement was "made, was not merely a Commission to settle Boundaries, but an "Authority to hear and receive and to examine and determine all "Complaints and Appeals in all Causes and Matters as well military "as criminal and civil, and proceed in all Things for providing for "and settling the Peace and Security of said Country, and was "applied upon that Occasion only to the Determination of what "Part of the Country the Duke of *York* was intitled to, in Virtue "of the *Dutch* Possession. It is obvious, therefore, both from the "Occasion and the Spirit of that Agreement and Settlement, that "it could not extend to or affect any other Country than that "claimed by the Duke of *York*, which was expresly limited, in "Point of Western Extention, by the River *Delaware*, and conse-"quently can be of no Use to the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, "who claim not under the Duke of *York*, but immediately from "the Crown by their Grant in 1681.

"The Country now claimed by the Proprietaries under that "Grant within the Boundaries of the Colony of *Connecticut*, was in "1662 undoubtedly in the Crown, and consequently passed by the "Royal Grant to the Governor and Company of that Colony, and "clearly could not be re-vested in the Crown, by a Settlement in "1664, (to which the Crown was not Party) with the Duke of *York*, "who was but a private Subject, and not having been re-vested in "the Crown, it is impossible it could pass by the Grant to WILLIAM "PENN in 1681.—— That Settlement therefore we conceive ought "to have no Weight in your Deliberations upon this Subject, much "less to form an Objection against your entering into a Settlement "of the Controversy with *Connecticut* in the most expeditious and "least expensive Mode that can be devised.

"OF the same Nature is the Doubt which you imagine we admit "with Respect to the Course in which the Southern Line of the "Grant to *Connecticut* shall pass the Grant to WILLIAM PENN — "Though we chose to leave that Question open to Discussion until "a Negotiation was actually entered upon, yet when all Parts of "the Grant, and other Circumstances of the Case are considered, "we apprehend very little Doubt can remain with Respect to it.— "Indeed, we imagine your Honor could not reasonably expect "from us a different Answer than that which was given upon the "Requisition made us, as we had received no Intimations from you "of any Dispositions towards an amicable Settlement of the "Controversy, we apprehend you could not expect but that we "should save to the Colony whom we have the Honor to represent, "all Advantage of the most favorable Construction of their Grant "in Case they must be put to an adversary Suit and a legal "Decision of the Controversy — But to the Purpose of the Ne- "gotiation we proposed, the most narrow Construction of the "Grant to *Connecticut*, was, we apprehend, abundantly sufficient, "since a Line parallel to the *Massachusetts* Line drawn from the "Southwestern Boundary of *Connecticut* with the Province of *New-* "*York*, will include at least one Degree in Width of the Lands "claimed by the Proprietaries as Part of this Province — an "Object of sufficient Importance to merit your Attention, and to "be the Ground of such a Negotiation as we had the Honor to "propose to you.

"HOWEVER, as your Sentiments are decisive upon this Subject, "we beg Pardon for giving you further Trouble upon it, which we "should not have done but to evince to you with how much Re- "luctance we resign the Hopes we had entertained of an amicable "Settlement of the Controversy.

"IT is, however, with very great Satisfaction, that we receive "the Intimations you are pleased to give us of your Wishes to "preserve Peace among the Inhabitants settled under the different "Claims, and your Readiness to receive Proposals tending to that "beneficial Purpose.

"It is with equal Concern that we also recollect the mutual "Violences which have been committed upon the contested Lands "— We will not take upon us absolutely to justify or to condemn "either Party — Give us Leave only to remark, that as the Settlers "from *Connecticut* and other Colonies (for but Part of them were "from that Colony) entered under the *Susquehannah* Company, who "also imagined themselves to have the *Connecticut* Title, with a "declared Purpose of gaining an actual Possession, without which, "they were advised, they could not advantageously try their Title, "they entered under the Idea of Right, and in Point of Intention "may be excused: But as the Colony has now taken up the "Matter, and expresly asserted their Claim, that the like Mischiefs "may in future be prevented, and Peace and good Order preserved "in that Part of the Country, we propose, that without Prejudice "to the Rights of the Colony or the Proprietaries, a temporary "Line of Jurisdiction be agreed upon, which neither Party shall "exceed, and within which each respectively may exercise such "Powers and Authorities as they judge proper, without Interrup-"tion or Controul. And as the Settlements under the Proprietors "are chiefly upon the Western, and those under *Connecticut* princi-"pally upon the Eastern Branch of the *Susquehannah* River, we "apprehend a temporary Line may be so drawn as that Jurisdic-"tion may be exercised by each over their respective Settlers, "without much Inconvenience.—— If the Idea shall meet with "your Honor's Approbation, we will immediately proceed to "delineate and fix such Line with Precision, and are with much "Respect and Esteem,

"Your Honor's most obedient Humble Servants,

"Eliphalet Dyer,
"William-Samuel Johnson, } Commissioners."
"Jedidiah Strong,

And having waited with some Impatience for his Reply till the 22d at Evening, we waited upon Mr. Tilman, one of the Council, and Secretary of the Land-Office, to enquire when we might probably expect it. and if possible, to expedite it; when we found him and the Attorney General engaged in the Business, and received their positive Assurance that we should receive the Reply the next Day.— Accordingly at One o'Clock of the 23d we received the following Letter;

"*Philadelphia, the 23d December, 1773.*

"Gentlemen,

"I DO assure you I did not decline your Proposal for an amicable "Settlement of the Controversy between your Colony and the "Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, or of a joint Application to the "Crown to appoint Commissioners to settle Boundaries between "them, with a View either of protracting the Time, or enhancing "the Expence of a Decision; nor can I be of Opinion that an "adversary Suit, in which both Sides are desirous of a speedy Con-

"clusion, can be attended with any extraordinary Delay or "Expence.

"In the Case of Commissioners to settle Boundaries, they must "probably be chosen in different Colonies, and their Meeting and "Attendance would be both difficult to obtain, and in itself very "expensive, and perhaps after much Time spent in bringing the "Matter to a Period, the Determination might not be satisfactory "to all Parties, and only prove the Foundation of an Appeal to "His Majesty in Council.

"Had I been inclined to an amicable Settlement of the Matter, "I was not at Liberty; being concerned, as I told you in our "Conference of *Saturday* last, only one Fourth of the Province, "and being without Powers from the other Proprietor, who could "not foresee, when I left *England*, that the Colony of *Connecticut* "would have taken up this Dispute, or adopted a Claim which they "had hitherto declined to meddle with.

"I am sorry to find myself misapprehended when I speak of the "Admission of a *Claim* which I meant to guard against. I well "know there is a clear Distinction between a bare Claim and a "Right; but a *just Claim* and a Right I take to be the same Idea; "and upon the Whole of my Expression, I think I must be under- "stood to mean the Admission of a just Claim; and as, in my "Opinion, the Colony of *Connecticut* in it's Western Extent can "never be advanced beyond the Eastern Limits of *New-York*, I "conceived there would have been an Impropriety in my agreeing "to a joint Application for Commissioners to settle Boundaries; "that carrying with it an implied acknowledgement that your "Claim ought to extend so far as to join upon, or interfere with "the Province of *Pennsylvania*.

"You apprehend I was mistaken in imagining that the Settle- "ment of the Line between the Colony of *Connecticut* and the "Grant to the Duke of *York*, was in any Degree occasioned by "the Uncertainty of the Bounds and Extent of the Charter of "*Connecticut*, and the other *New-England* Grants; and attempt to "explain the Motives of that Settlement; and then you proceed in "a Course of Reasoning upon the Merits of your Claim.

"I am still of Opinion that a supposed Uncertainty in the "Bounds of the *New-England* Grants is clearly to be inferred from "the Terms of the Commission, under which the Settlement of "1664 was made; but I do not conceive it at all material at this "Time to enter into any Debate upon the Inducements to the "making the Settlement of 1664; or the Extent of your Charter, "or that of the *Plymouth* Company, or what Construction may, at "this Time of Day, be put upon the Terms of them. The Mode of "Decision I consider as the principal Object, not the Merits of the "Dispute.

"Were it expedient or proper, on this Occasion, to have entered "into a Discussion of the Right, I should not content myself with

"pointing out the Settlement of 1664, conclusive as I esteem it to "be.——The several Purchases made from the Indians by the "Proprietaries, without any Objections on the Part of your Colony "—the Sales made by them, and the Settlement and long Occupa- "tion of the Purchasers under those Sales, without Opposition— "the Impracticability of exercising a Jurisdiction over the vast "Territory which lies between the *Atlantic* Ocean and the *South-* "*Sea*—the Interjacency of two Provinces between your Seat of "Government and the Places to which you would now extend "your Jurisdiction; together with the Acquiescence of your Colony "under the Grant of *Pennsylvania* ever since the Year 1681 to the "present Time; and many other Transactions and Circumstances "attending the Case, afford abundant Matter for insuperable "Objections to your Claim, and no Doubt will be urged before the "Tribunal which is to decide the Controversy between us.

"I AM now to consider your proposed Method of establishing "Peace and good Order, by drawing a temporary Line of Jurisdic- "tion;—and to this too there appear to me Objections which "cannot be got over.

"THE Legislature of this Province have erected that Part of "the Country where the *Connecticut* People are settled into a "County. There exists a legal Jurisdiction, which it is not in my "Power to restrain, much less can I transfer it to another Govern- "ment. Great Quantities of Land have been granted under this "Province, before your Government took up this Matter, which "will fall within any Line that can be devised; and it is not in my "Power to prohibit the Purchasers from settling them; nor can I, "with Justice, take any steps to restrain them.

"THESE are Difficulties which unavoidably obstruct your "Proposal.

"MOREOVER, Gentlemen, you are in the Prosecution of a Claim "which has long lain dormant, and surely, that Claim ought to be "established by proper authority, before you can, with any Degree "of Propriety, think of extending your Jurisdiction over a Country "which hath been legally possessed, and where the regular Juris- "diction of another Government hath taken Place, long before "your Colony had concluded to prosecute their Claim to it.

"As I cannot, for the Reasons assigned, accede to the Proposal "of a temporary Line of Jurisdiction; so neither can I foresee any "Means that appear to me likely to effectuate Peace and Order, "and to prevent for the future such violent Outrages as have been "lately perpetrated in that Part of the Country where the People "of *Connecticut* are now settled, but their entirely evacuating the "Lands in their Possession until a legal Decision of our Con- "troversy may be obtained.

"AND when it is considered, that this Possession was effected by "armed Bodies of People, in an hostile Manner expelling from "their lawful Possessions those who had purchased their Lands

"and settled them under the Sanction of this Government, and "that this was done without any Warrant or Authority from the "Colony of *Connecticut*, nay long before that Colony had ever "avowed a Claim to these Lands, I cannot but think it highly "reasonable that such a tortious and unjustifiable Possession should "be relinquished by the Colony, at a Time when they are pursuing "a Claim on the Principles of Right and in a legal Way. Indeed "I cannot conceive, from the Measures that have been adopted by "the Colony of *Connecticut* since they have made their Claim, that "they can wish to avail themselves of a Possession extorted by "such lawless and violent Proceedings, or that they can imagine "themselves under the least Obligation to support or abet a Sett "of People who have been capable of acting in so outrageous and "unjustifiable a Manner.—— I am therefore induced to hope, "Gentlemen, that when this Matter comes to be coolly considered "by your Government, if their Views are like mine directed to a "speedy and peaceable Decision of this Dispute, they will use all "possible Means to withdraw the People thus settled, in the most "expeditious and effectual Manner

"I OBSERVE, Gentlemen, you have not thought proper to say any "Thing in Answer to that Part of my letter where I propose that "you should exhibit a Petition to His Majesty, and that, on the "first Notice, the Proprietaries would appear and answer such "Petition, and expedite a Decision. I therefore think it necessary "to inform you, that in Case there should be any Delay on your "Part to exhibit such Petition, as your Colony have at Length "adopted a Claim which they have always heretofore declined, the "Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* will immediately make their Appli-"cation to His Majesty to take the Matter under his Royal Con-"sideration.

"I am, Gentlemen,
"Your most obedient humble Servant,
"JOHN PENN."

To which we rejoined in this Manner.

"*Philadelphia, 24th of December, 1773.*

"SIR,

"IT is with great Satisfaction that we receive the Assurances "contained in your Favor of Yesterday, that you do not "decline the Proposal we made, of an amicable Settlement of the "Controversy between the Colony of *Connecticut* and the Proprie-"taries of *Pennsylvania;* nor a joint Application to the Crown to "appoint Commissioners to decide it, with a View of protracting "the Time or enhancing the Expence of a Decision. We can "therefore only lament that you see this Affair in a very different "Light from that in which it presents itself to our Minds; as, "notwithstanding the additional Observations you have made, we "are still clearly of Opinion, that much Time, Expence and Trouble "might have been saved by a Reference to Gentlemen in *America*,

"or a joint Application to His Majesty; — since with Respect to "the former, we do not apprehend that His Majesty will determine "a Controversy of this Magnitude and Importance, without first "issuing a Commission to hear and examine in *America*, reserving "an Appeal to himself in Council; so that the whole Expence and "Delay of soliciting such Commission and of the subsequent "Appeal, which must be very great, would have been saved in the "Mode we proposed. And that both the Colony and the Proprie- "taries would have acquiesced in the Decision of such Referrees, "we cannot Doubt — In Point of Honor, neither of them could "have receded from the Determination of impartial Judges of "their own appointing. And with Respect to the latter, we "imagine we foresee Difficulties, unnecessary now to be mentioned, "of great and real Weight, which will attend an adversary Suit by "either Party, which would have been totally obviated by a joint "Application.

"YOUR Want of full Powers from the other Proprietor of the "Province, We acknowlege is a real Difficulty, which might have "prevented an immediate Settlement of the Controversy; but "were your Desires to effectuate such a Settlement as ardent as "those with which we are impressed; such is now the Facility of "Communication between this Country and *Great-Britain*, that the "Delay which would attend the obtaining of full Powers would "have been of very short Duration.

"WE do not yet see that the Admission of our Claim, whether "just or imaginary, so far as to join in an Application to His "Majesty for Commissioners to decide it, could in any Respect "prejudice the Proprietaries. And the Impropriety or the implied "Acknowledgement you apprehend it would carry with it, seem to "be founded in too narrow an Idea of the Powers to be applied "for. — We do not apprehend that the Commission to be issued "upon this Occasion, should be simply to settle Boundaries, though "this too must be included; but a Commission delegating a "compleat Jurisdiction to hear and adjudge the whole Contro- "versy in whatever Light it may present itself —— To this Purpose "it is clearly enough, that the Colony claim as their Right, a large "Country which the Proprietaries conceive belongs to them.

"IN the Idea you inculcate, that it is not at all material at this "Time to enter into the Merits of the Dispute any farther than "respects the most eligible Mode of deciding it, we very fully con- "cur; — If we have done more, we very freely acknowlege it was "totally improper, and we beg Leave to assure you, that we should "have said nothing upon the Merits of our Claim, had not the "Settlement in 1664 seemed to have been understood by you, as "being of so decisive a Nature as absolutely to preclude all further "Controversy, and been stated in your Letter as a conclusive "Objection against your entering into any Negotiation upon the "Subject. It was necessary therefore, for us, if we hoped to

"succeed in any Measure in the Negotiation with which we were "charged, if possible to remove that Objection; — In this Light, "and to this Purpose only, it was, that we took the Liberty to "submit to your Consideration the short Hints we threw out upon "that Subject, sensible that the full Discussion of it must be "referred to another Time and another Occasion, before a proper "Forum.

"It is for the like Reason only, that we will not, upon this "Occasion, make any Strictures upon the other Objections, you "have hinted at, to the *Connect cut* Title, to all which the most "satisfactory Answers may be given; — it were only to observe,

"The Purchases from the *Indians* by the Proprietaries, and "Sales by them made, were they more ancient than they are, "could add no Strength to the Proprietary Title, since the Right "of Preemption of the Natives, was, by the Royal Grant, expresly "vested in the Colony of *Connecticut*, and consequently those "Purchases and Sales were equally without any legal Foundation, "they could neither acquire any Right by the one, or transfer any "Title by the other, — but that both the one and the other, have "been too recent to be the Ground of any Argument, since we are "advised that the Proprietaries made no Purchase of the Natives, "of any Consequence to this Dispute, prior to the Treaty at Fort "*Stanwix* — That the actual Occupation under the *Connecticut* "Title of the contested Lands, was as early, and in some Parts of "the Country, prior to that under the Proprietaries —— That the "imagined Impracticability of exercising Jurisdiction, by the "Colony, over so extensive a Country, is a Question of Policy, not "an Objection to the Right, and can have no more Weight against "the Colony Title than the Impropriety and ill Policy of vesting "so large a Territory as that of *Pennsylvania* in a single Subject, "will have against that of the Proprietaries, and are Considerations, "both equally improper to be mentioned on either Side —— That "of the same Nature is the supposed Difficulty of the Intervention "of another Province between our Seat of Government and the "Country over which we thus Claim a Jurisdiction, which is also "a Question of Policy, and yet, has, in Fact, in one Instance at "least, in *America* been found to be attended with no Difficulty of "any Consequence —— That the Acquiescence of the Colony under "the Grant of *Pennsylvania*, is of no more Force than the Acquie- "scence of the Proprietaries under the Grant to *Connecticut*, and "can have little Weight on either Side, since 'till very lately the "*Indians* refused to give up the Country to either, and neither can "be considered as having suffered their Claim to have lain culpably "dormant under the particular Circumstances of the Case and the "Situation of the Country, and especially that this cannot be "imputed to *Connecticut*, whose Grant was expresly for the Purpose "of Settlement, but without Limitation of Time, and they had not, "'till within a very few Years past, settled the Country to the "Eastward of *New-York*, and consequently could not, upon any

"proper Grounds, sooner pursue their Claim or attend to the actual "Settlement of this Western Part of their Colony.

"But these, and many other Circumstances and Considerations, "tending to elucidate and to establish the Claim of the Colony "beyond all Contradiction, we will make no Mention of, as proper "only to be explained and enforced before a Tribunal competent "to the Determination of the whole Controversy.

"But as the Application to such a Tribunal, whether on the "Part of the Colony, or as you propose, by the Proprietaries (to "which we have no Objection) will necessarily take up much Time, "we are extremely sorry to find, that you cannot agree, in the "mean Time, to the Methods we have proposed for preserving "Peace and good Order among the Inhabitants in that Part of the "Country.—neither to that of a personal Distinction, for the "Purpose of Jurisdiction, of the Claimants under the several Titles, "by entering their Names in some proper Office, which we offered "at the Conference with you on *Saturday* last, nor that of a "temporary Line of Jurisdiction, which we proposed in our Paper "of the 18th Instant, and that nothing less will satisfy you, than a "total Evacuation of the Country by the Settlers under *Connecti-*"*cut.*——This is a Measure which we do not think ourselves "authorized by the Colony to consent to, and which we have no "Imagination that they will adopt.

"We consider therefore our Negotiation with you as at an End, "and have only to console ourselves, that whatever happens, we "have on our Part faithfully endeavored, not only to terminate the "Controversy with all possible Dispatch, but also to provide for "the Quiet of the Country while the Dispute shall be depending.

"Give us Leave, however, at Parting, to remark, in Answer to "the Reasons you mention for not acceding to our Proposals, that "we never imagined that it was in your Power, by your own Au-"thority, to controul the Jurisdiction erected in that Part of the "Country, or to prohibit or restrain the Purchasers from settling "under the Grants actually made to them under this Province; "but we did imagine, and this we have yet no Doubt of, that the "Legislature of the Colony, of which you are a Part, would, at "your Desire, have added the Sanction of their Authority, to any "Agreement you had thought proper to have come into for "preserving the Peace of the People;—Your Want of Power in "your personal Capacity, or as one of the Proprietaries of the "Province, can therefore, with us, form no Objection why you "should not have accepted one or other of our Proposals, since we "are persuaded that the Assembly of the Province would have "given every Aid in their Power to so salutary a Design.

"It is with much Concern, that we find your Attention so "strongly turned towards the Proceedings of the *Susquehannah* "Company in settling under the *Connecticut* Title, and that you "have conceived so ill an Opinion of those Proceedings. This is a

"Subject which we were not instructed to discuss, and which we "waved entering into, particularly in our former Papers; — But "since you recal our Attention to it, in the Manner you have done, "we cannot forbear observing to you, that the primary Possession "of the People under *Connecticut* was taken at a Time when the "Country was intirely a Wilderness, under an *Indian* Purchase, "approved of by the Colony and under their Title of Preemption "from the Crown, when there was no Person upon the Land; "much less, any Body holding under the Proprietaries; and of "Course could not be attended with any Force or Violence. This "Possession was interrupted by the *Indians* of the far Nations, in "open War, and again, without Force, resumed in 1762, and was "only suspended while the Matter could be laid before His Majesty, "in Consequence of a Letter from the Earl of *Egremont*, one of His "Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, founded upon Represen- "tations made by the Governor of this Province, transmitted by "Sir *Jeffery Amherst*, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces "in *North-America*, suggesting that the Settlement was disagreeable "to the *Indians*, and might occasion an *Indian* War, and the "Devastation of the Frontiers. When that Representation to His "Majesty had been made, and all Apprehensions of Displeasure "from the *Indians* were effectually removed by their Resignation "of the Country at the Treaty of Fort *Stanwix*, they apprehended "they might very justifiably resume their Possessions, which they "attempted to do in a peaceable Manner, but were, as we are "advised, interrupted and opposed by Persons claiming under the "Proprietaries. Then it was that Violence commenced and Force "was opposed to Force — on the one hand to regain, on the other "to prevent an actual Occupation of the Lands; on neither Side, "perhaps, justifiable in the Degree, but on both founded on a real "Idea of Right, and therefore not meriting the severe Construc- "tion that has been put upon it, or the harsh Epithets you have "applied to it. —— When you add to this, that they were advised, "as in Fact they were, that they could not try their Right or the "Title of the Colony of *Connecticut*, but upon the Ground of an "actual Possession, which should put the Proprietaries to such an "Action at Law for the Recovery of the Possession as might "bring the Title in Question —— That the first Possession and the "subsequent Struggles to regain and maintain their Possession, "was with the avowed Purpose of trying the Title in the most "regular and effectual Manner —— That they expresly offered, "both here and in *Europe*, to submit to, and be concluded by, a "legal Decision —— That their Situation was such that they could "bring no possessory Action themselves, and that the Proprietors "and those who held under them, refused, or, at least, neglected, "to bring any Action of that Nature on their Part but on the "contrary repeatedly harrassed these unfortunate People with "criminal Prosecutions in which the Title could not come in "Question, and even in those Cases, when a Plea to the Jurisdic-

"tion of the Court was offered, it was absolutely rejected, and "that with Circumstances of Contempt!

"When you consider these Circumstances, and many others, "which are capable of the clearest Proof, we cannot but hope you "will entertain, in future, more favorable Sentiments of the "*Connecticut* Settlers and their former Proceedings than have been "attempted to be impressed upon you by the Representations of "interested Individuals, willing to magnify past Services or "procure future Favors; and will not be surprised that the Colony "should be content to avail themselves of a Possession which "began and has been continued with such Views and under such "Circumstances, or be willing to take under their Protection, a "People, who have uniformly claimed under their Title, and "labored indefatigably to bring it to a legal Decision.

"We cannot, finally, omit to remind you, that the established "Jurisdiction under this Province, of which you avail yourself, "and to which you wish our People to submit, was erected, not "only after the Possession above referred to, but after it was "publickly known that the General Assembly of *Connecticut* had "directed a State of their Claim to be drawn up and laid before "learned Council in *England*, for their Opinion, and was, perhaps, "precipitated to prevent, if possible, the probable Consequences of "that Measure. Upon the Whole, though we thought it our Duty, "drawn to it by some Expressions in your Letter, to mention "some of these Circumstances, and the Grounds of the former "Proceedings in this Matter, yet we wish not to dwell upon them, "or to recal to Mind Occurrences which can afford no Pleasure in "the Review, and will have little Influence upon the Case in it's "present State, since it must finally be determined, not by these "incidental Circumstances and Occurrences, but upon great and "general Principles;—By them we are content to stand or fall, "and will be finally decided when the Cause shall be duly "adjudged.——In the mean Time, we beg Leave to return you "our sincere Thanks for the Politeness and Candor you have "discovered upon this Occasion—of which, and every other "Circumstance of the present Negotiation, we assure you we will "make a faithful Report to our Constituents, and are, with very "great Esteem and Respect,

"Your Honor's most obedient,

"And most humble Servants,

"Eliphalet Dyer,
"William-Samuel Johnson,
"Jedidiah Strong,
} Commissioners."

We accompanied our Letter with this Card;

"Col. Dyer, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Strong, present their "respectful Compliments to Governor Penn, and acquaint him that "they purpose to set out on their Return Home this Afternoon,

"and if there are any Services which they can render him either "in *Connecticut* or *New-York*, they will be very happy to receive "the Honor of his Commands.

"SATURDAY NOON."

To which the Governor replied,

"GOVERNOR PENN presents his Compliments to Col. DYER, Dr. "JOHNSON, and Mr. STRONG — is much obliged to them for the "polite offer of their Services, and wishes them a pleasant Journey.

"*Saturday, December 25th.*"

Which closed our Proceedings with him, and we immediately came out of Town on our Return Home.

Your Honor's
Most obedient
And humble Servants,
ELIPHALET DYER,
WILLIAM-SAMUEL JOHNSON,
JEDIDIAH STRONG.

Dated at HARTFORD, January 1774.

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ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of HARTFORD, on the First of January, 1774.

TOWNS.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty Years.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total Whites.	Total Blacks.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S										
Bolton,	154	162		121	2	105	154	48	159	59	11	5	5	9	3		4						994	7
Chatham,	420	392		276	2	276	349	129	350	127	20	10	11	7	5	4	15	2	1	1			2369	28
Colchester,	530	477		389	6	344	442	139	480	165	29	7	18	31	41	44	61	27	8	7	2	11	3057	201
East-Haddam,	447	457	4	348	9	334	412	123	429	134	20	5	6	15	21	18	13	6	1	1	3	2	2743	65
East-Windsor,	481	443		353	2	332	439	178	433	217	37	8	16	22	9	8	9	6	2	1	1	2	2961	38
Enfield,	213	225	1	131	14	126	191	91	193	120	21	5	13	9		3	4						1353	7
Farmington,	965	1007	1	736	10	616	958	295	965	292	35	17	19	47	16	14	26	7	8	9	14	12	5963	106
Glastenbury,	331	337	1	275	8	248	283	76	293	90	3	17	7	23	18	19	13	13	3	9	1	3	1992	79
Haddam,	294	286		224	9	187	241	89	251	104	10	3	6	9	4	4	5						1713	13
HARTFORD,	770	753	11	583	11	515	715	307	715	363	42	20	42	34	28	29	51	37	3	2			4881	150
Hebron,	360	375	2	316	8	308	312	122	307	123	15	8	16	13	12	10	19	11					2285	52
Middletown,	717	766	6	591	19	529	677	276	695	316	23	10	16	39	45	46	61	46					4680	198
Simsbury,	671	609	6	406	12	439	591	120	597	118	39	8	35	20	9	6	10	4					3671	29
Somers,	146	156		133	2	130	158	51	159	56	14	3	8	8		1	2						1024	3
Stafford,	223	199		199	9	162	201	59	197	48	15	5	10	6				1					1333	1
Suffield,	330	331	9	244	6	212	279	101	283	143	12	6	7	17	5	6	16	6	1		2	1	1980	37
Tolland,	200	193		150	1	157	101	86	161	171	13	3	5	6	5	2	2	1	3		1	1	1247	15
Wethersfield,	490	494	5	407	18	361	492	216	493	285	28	13	17	28	44	26	44	28					3347	142
Willington,	178	157		119	10	122	155	39	146	46	13	3	11	1			1						1000	1
Windsor,	299	302	7	242	7	219	319	134	310	157	22	19	22	14	9	8	14	6	2	2		2	2082	43
	8219	8121	53	6243	165	5722	7469	2679	7025	3134	422	175	290	358	274	248	370	201	32	32	24	34	50675	1215

ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of NEW-HAVEN, on the First of JANUARY, 1774.

TOWNS.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total.	Total.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S										
Branford,	284	309		224		215	317	81	322	148	13	5	7	13	28	27	35	21	2		1	1	1938	113
Derby,	289	289	2	252	10	205	270	106	277	83	12	6	6	12	11	15	12	12	5	5	5	5	1819	70
Durham,	166	148	2	141	2	124	149	69	154	56	6	4	3	7	7	10	16	11	1				1031	45
Guilford,	396	372		362		286	462	170	471	237	35	9	29	17	13	14	20	14	8	10	2	3	2846	84
Milford,	279	289	10	241	7	214	322	110	329	100	15	10	11	28	41	35	52	30			1	3	1965	162
NEW-HAVEN,	1309	1213	1	902	25	829	1246	618	1246	467	48	44	24	50	66	70	70	56	7	2		2	8022	273
Wallingford,	824	799	3	623	17	544	726	189	737	217	33	10	24	31	27	28	48	31	2	1		1	4777	138
Waterbury,	619	609	5	422	19	361	568	132	569	138	20	6	9	21	6	7	15	6	2	1		1	3498	38
	4166	4028	23	3167	80	2778	4060	1475	4105	1446	182	94	113	179	199	206	263	170	27	19	9	16	25896	925

ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of NEW-LONDON, on the First of JANUARY, 1774.

TOWNS.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty Years.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total Whites.	Total Blacks.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S										
Groton,	574	570	10	441	22	390	538	142	532	200	19	8	13	29	51	39	42	42	55	36	39	56	3488	360
Lyme,	597	601	1	430	14	422	515	448	519	231	34	5	17	26	36	26	35	27	21	18	23	42	3860	228
Killingworth,	311	301		247	4	249	272	120	278	122	14	6	12	21	4	6	6	3	6	2	4	2	1957	33
NEW-LONDON,	935	917	21	599	33	593	806	207	817	343	49	13	15	18	70	79	89	78	64	48	35	59	5366	522
Norwich,	1099	1054		916	8	741	1056	412	1069	505	55	23	38	56	62	54	69	49	16	14	11	20	7032	295
Preston,	401	405	16	291	16	244	295	99	306	128	21	11	7	15	5	11	25	12	11	9	1	9	2255	83
Saybrook,	432	461	1	284	10	275	411	107	410	171	26	5	20	15	15	12	20	8	3		1		2628	59
Stonington,	913	818	4	651	16	622	714	151	721	262	22	13	21	28	85	49	49	36	73	80	28	56	4956	456
	5262	5127	53	3859	123	3536	4607	1686	4652	1962	240	84	143	208	328	276	335	255	249	207	142	244	31542	2036

ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of FAIRFIELD, on the First of JANUARY, 1774.

TOWNS.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty Years.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total Whites.	Total Blacks.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S										
Danbury,	425	387	2	302	12	282	416	103	424	81	14	6	7	12	15	13	15	7			2	1	2473	53
FAIRFIELD,	774	689	2	557	12	519	741	228	739	183	30	11	20	39	83	75	91	66			2	2	4544	319
Greenwich,	496	420	12	333	24	287	403	114	404	112	19	9	10	11	35	25	34	20		3	2	3	2654	122
New-Fairfield,	199	204		170	8	182	207	51	199	44	9	3	6	6	5	4	6	5					1288	20
Newtown,	357	357	1	277	8	281	324	103	324	67	20	6	20	23	12	20	18	9	1	1			2168	61
Norwalk,	754	700		544		486	638	173	638	217	43	8	25	17	37	25	43	31		2	4	3	4243	145
Redding,	208	189		152	2	121	196	46	206	46	10	4	6	3	9	14	17	5					1189	45
Ridgfield,	299	269	1	214	4	189	276	59	281	57	7	4	6	7	9	9	9	8					1673	35
Stamford,			13	1008	7	909	561	244	562	199					12	18	17	13					3503	60
Stratford,	806	795	2	655	33	618	830	292	812	240	38	14	19	47	69	72	108	70	7	12	9	7	5201	354
	4318	4010	33	4212	110	3874	4592	1413	4589	1246	190	65	119	165	286	275	358	234	8	18	19	16	28936	1214

ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of WINDHAM, on the First of JANUARY, 1774.

TOWNS.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty Years.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total Whites.	Total Blacks.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S										
Canterbury,	438	374	3	330	3	242	356	114	358	123	19	5	10	17	6	4	22	9	1	1	7	2	2392	52
Coventry,	340	290		234		259	307	97	315	137	21	1	14	17	4	6	7	5			2		2032	24
Pomfret,	334	325	2	276	5	286	314	154	320	177	17	8	7	16	22	11	13	7	2	4	3	3	2241	65
Killingly,	582	521		461	2	372	530	152	542	168	36	14	22	37	12	2	14	7	2	4	1	5	3439	47
Lebanon,	590	552	4	515	26	460	540	208	549	285	43	9	25	35	30	19	22	27	9	5	4	3	3841	119
Mansfield,	354	382	2	307	14	305	353	142	358	165	17	13	11	25	3	1	4	3	3	6	1	2	2443	23
Plainfield,	254	241	1	168	3	177	215	73	217	83	13	4	12	18	18	9	18	13	9	8	3	5	1479	83
Ashford,	421	375	3	277	13	263	330	67	339	93	17	8	7	15	2	2	7	2					2228	13
Voluntown,	242	245		202	4	156	231	57	235	45	26	2	22	9	9	3	9	8	2	3		1	1476	35
Union,	97	67		68		61	83	14	83	16	8	5	6	4			1	1					512	2
WINDHAM,	582	533	1	482	7	387	476	178	491	267	35	3	18	32	18	10	15	29	2	7	3	7	3437	91
Woodstock,	320	333		230	1	234	243	119	243	195	11	13	11	21	3	14	15	10	13	9	7	9	1974	80
	4504	4238	16	3550	78	3202	3978	1370	4045	1754	263	85	165	246	127	81	147	121	43	47	31	37	27494	634

ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the County of LITCHFIELD, on the First of JANUARY, 1774.

TOWNS.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty Years.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total Whites.	Total Blacks.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S										
Barkhemsted,																							250	
Canaan,	258	273	2	194	9	190	263	63	254	47	7	1	6	6	16	16	17	13					1573	62
Colebrook,																							150	
Cornwall,	190	160		130	1	107	152	30	155	20	3	3	3	3	2	2	5	1	1	4	2		957	17
Goshen,	202	193		138	4	113	171	59	172	29	7		4	6	3		9	1					1098	13
Hartland,																							500	
Harwinton,	179	163		115		119	161	50	161	50	7		4	6	1		1	1					1015	3
Kent,	384	352	11	176	17	166	313	141	262	78	9	1	7	5	3	3	4	2	18	20	11	13	1922	74
LITCHFIELD,	428	435	1	304	7	266	399	150	403	83	10	5	4	14	8	15	7	7	1	1	1	5	2509	45
New-Hartford,	176	158		119	4	116	146	49	155	45	8	2	2	5			3		4	3	1	5	985	16
New-Milford,	490	497	15	325	27	254	482	83	460	61	19	6	11	6	12	8	8	6					2742	34
Norfolk,	156	151		109	3	110	155	30	155	27	4	1	1	4	1	2							966	3
Salisbury,	347	358		240	7	224	278	111	271	70	11	1	9	9	8	7	10	10	5	2	1	1	1936	44
Sharon,	343	342		259	11	236	307	77	303	56	19	9	12	12	5	6	8	6			1		1986	26
Torrington,	132	134		99		75	139	56	146	54	3	5	5				1	1					843	2
Westmoreland,	384	352	11	176	17	166	313	141	262	78	9	1	7	5									1922	
Winchester,	55	69		34	1	19	60	18	56	11	1		1	2	7	1	2	2					327	12
Woodbury,	921	889	4	600	33	587	821	260	795	235	22	16	16	25	26	19	24	11	3	2	2	2	5224	89
	4615	4526	44	3018	141	2748	4160	1318	4010	944	139	51	92	108	92	79	99	61	32	32	19	26	26845	440

ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants in the several COUNTIES in the COLONY of CONNECTICUT, taken on the First of JANUARY, 1774.

COUNTIES.	*Males* under Ten Years.	*Females* under Ten Years.	*Males* between Ten and Twenty Years, Married or Single.		*Females* between Ten and Twenty Years.		*Males* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Females* between Twenty and Seventy.		*Males* above Seventy.		*Females* above Seventy.		Negro Males under Twenty.	Negro Females under Twenty.	Negro Males above Twenty.	Negro Females above Twenty.	Indian Males under Twenty.	Indian Females under Twenty.	Indian Males above Twenty.	Indian Females above Twenty.	Total Whites.	Total Blacks.	LISTS.
			M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S	M	S											
HARTFORD,	8219	8121	53	6243	165	5722	7469	2679	7625	3134	422	175	290	358	274	248	370	201	32	32	24	34	50679	1215	
NEW-HAVEN,	4166	4028	23	3167	80	2778	4060	1475	4105	1446	182	94	113	179	199	206	263	170	27	19	9	16	25896	925	
NEW-LONDON,	5262	5127	53	3859	123	3536	4607	1686	4652	1962	240	84	143	208	328	276	335	255	249	207	142	244	31542	2036	
FAIRFIELD,	4318	4010	33	4212	110	3874	4592	1413	4589	1246	190	65	119	165	286	275	358	234	8	18	19	16	28936	1214	
WINDHAM,	4504	4238	16	3550	78	3202	3978	1370	4045	1754	263	85	165	246	127	81	147	121	43	47	31	37	27494	634	
LITCHFIELD,	4645	4526	44	3018	141	2748	4160	1318	4010	944	139	51	92	108	92	79	99	61	32	32	19	26	26845	440	
	31114	30050	222	24049	697	21860	28866	9941	29026	10486	1436	554	922	1264	1306	1165	1572	1042	391	355	244	373	191392	6464	

An ACCOUNT of the Number of Inhabitants as return'd in 1756, Viz.

In HARTFORD County.

Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
Bolton,	755	11	
Colchester,	2228	84	
East-Haddam,	1913	65	
Enfield,	1050		
Farmington,	3595	112	
Glastenbury,	1091	24	
Haddam,	1223	18	
HARTFORD,	2926	101	
Hebron,	1855		
Middletown,	5146	218	
Symsbury,	2222	23	
Somers,	900		
Stafford,	1000		
Suffield,	1414	24	
Tolland,	902	15	
Wethersfield,	2374	109	
Willington,	650		
Windsor,	4170	50	
	35714	854	

In NEW-HAVEN County.

Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
Branford,	1694	106	
Derby,	1000		
Durham,	765	34	
Guilford,	2263	59	
Milford,	1633		
NEW-HAVEN,	5085		
Wallingford,	3713		
Waterbury,	1802	27	
	17955	226	

In NEW-LONDON County.

Groton,	2532	179	158
Lyme,	2762	100	94
Killingsworth,	1442	16	
NEW-LONDON,	3171		
Norwich,	5317	223	
Preston,	1940	78	
Saybrook,	1898	33	
Stonington,	2953	200	365
	22015	829	617

In FAIRFIELD County.

Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
Danbury,	1509	18	
FAIRFIELD,	4195	260	
Greenwich,	2021		
New-Fairfield,	713		
New-Town,	1230	23	
Norwalk,	2956	94	
Reading,			
Ridgfield,	1069	46	
Stanford,	2648	120	
Stratford,	3508	150	
	19849	711	

In WINDHAM County.

Canterbury,	1240	20
Coventry,	1617	18
Pomphret,	1677	50
Killingly,	2100	
Lebanon,	3171	103
Mansfield,	1598	16
Plainfield,	1751	49
Ashford,	1245	
Voluntown,	1029	19
Union,	500	
WINDHAM,	2406	40
Woodstock,	1336	30
	19669	345

In LITCHFIELD County.

Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
Barkhemsted,	18		
Canaan,	1100		
Colebrook,			
Cornwall,	500		
Goshen,	610		
Hartland,	12		
Harwinton,	250		
Kent,	1000		
LITCHFIELD,	1366		
New-Hartford,	260		
New-Milford,	1121	16	
Norfolk,	84		
Salisbury,	1100		
Sharon,	1198	7	
Torrington,	250		
Winchester,	24		
Woodbury,	2880	31	
	11773	54	

In the several COUNTIES.

Counties.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
HARTFORD,	35714	854	
NEW-HAVEN,	17955	226	
NEW-LONDON,	22015	829	617
FAIRFIELD,	19849	711	
WINDHAM,	19669	345	
LITCHFIELD,	11773	54	
	126975	3019	617

HEADS OF INQUIRY

Relative to the

Preſent STATE and CONDITION

Of His MAJESTY'S COLONY of

CONNECTICUT,

Signified by His Majeſty's Secretary of State, in his Letter of the 5th *July*, 1773;

WITH THE

ANSWERS

THERETO.

NEW-LONDON:

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M,DCC,LXXV.

Colony of CONNECTICUT.

AT a GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of the* GOVERNOR *and* COMPANY *of the Colony of* CONNECTICUT, *holden at* New-Haven, *on the Second Thurſday of* October, 1774.

RESOLVED by this ASSEMBLY, That His Honour the GOVERNOR be, and he is hereby deſired to cauſe ſix hundred Copies of the Queries from the Secretary of State, dated 5th *July*, 1773, and the Anſwers thereto, prepared by His Honour, and laid before this Aſſembly, to be printed, and cauſe the ſame to be diſtributed to the ſeveral Towns in this Colony, in proportion to their Liſt of Eſtates.

GEORGE WYLLYS, Sec'y.

THE

HEADS of INQUIRY, relative to the present State and Condition of His Majesty's Colony of *CONNECTICUT*, signified by His Majesty's Secretary of State, in his Letter of the 5*th July*, 1773.

ANSWERS, returned to His Majesty's Secretary of State, by the Governor and Company of the English Colony of *CONNECTICUT*, *October*, 1774.

I. WHAT is the Situation of the Colony under your Government, the Nature of the Country, Soil and Climate, the Latitudes and Longitudes of the most considerable Places in it? — Have those Latitudes and Longitudes been settled by good Observations, or only by common Computations, and from whence are the Longitudes computed?

I. The Situation of the first settled Part of this Colony is mostly from Forty-one to Forty-two Degrees of northerly Latitude, and from Seventy-two to Seventy-three Degrees and Forty-five Minutes of West Longitude. The Soil of this Colony (lying in the 5th and 6th North Climate) is generally fertile, interspersed with mountainous and broken Land, with some small Parts thin and barren: — The Country healthful, although subject to the extreams of Heat and Cold in their Seasons, and to frequent sudden Changes. Two considerable Places and Ports in the Colony are — *New-London*, Latitude 41°. 25′. North, Longitude 72°. 15′. West — *New-Haven*, Latitude 41°. 18′. North, Long. 72°. 56′. West; settled by good Observations: The Longitudes computed from the Royal Observatory at *Greenwich*.

II. What are the reputed Boundaries? And are any Parts thereof disputed? What Parts, and by whom?

II. The Boundaries are expressed in our Charter, — viz. "All that Part of His Majesty's "Dominions in *New-England*, in "*America*, bounden on the East "by *Narraganset*-River, commonly called *Narraganset*-Bay, where "the River falleth into the Sea; and on the North by the Line of "the *Massachusetts*-Plantation; and on the South by the Sea; and "in Longitude as the Line of the *Massachusetts* Colony, running "from East to West, that is to say, from the said *Narraganset*-Bay "on the East, to the South-Sea on the West Part, with the Islands "thereunto adjoining."

A Number of the Inhabitants of this Colony, called the *Susquehannah*, and *Delaware* Companies, in the Year 1754, for great and valuable Considerations, in Money, paid and satisfied to the Indians of the Six Nations, purchased of them, as early as they, the Aboriginal Proprietors, were willing to grant and convey their Title to a large Tract of Land, within the Bounds and Limits of this Colony, lying West of the River *Delaware*, and from thence spreading over the East and West Branches of the *Susquehannah* River. Since such Purchases a great Number of our Inhabitants have made Settlements thereon.

The General Assembly of this Colony have asserted their Claim to those Lands: And the Inhabitants dwelling within the Bounds of this Colony, on the West Side of the *Delaware* River, are made and constituted a distinct Town, with like Powers and Privileges as other Towns in this Colony by Law have, within the following Bounds, viz. bounded East by *Delaware* River, North by the North Bound of the Colony, West by a North and South Line across the Colony at fifteen Miles Distance West from a Place on the *Susquehannah* River called *Wyoming*, and South by the South Line of this Colony; which Town is called by the Name of *Westmoreland*, and is annexed to the County of *Litchfield*. The Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, dispute the Right of this Colony to those Lands; they refuse to join, to run, or to settle the Line between this Colony, and that Province.

III. What is the Size and Extent of the Colony, the Number of Acres supposed to be contained therein? What Part thereof is cultivated and improved? and under what Titles do the Inhabitants hold their Possession?

III. The Size and Extent of the first settled Part, is from the Colony of *Rhode-Island* on the East, to the Province of *New-York* on the West; and from the *Massachusetts* on the North, to the Sea on the South: Two millions, six hundred and forty thousand Acres, are supposed to be contained therein. The Proportion of arable, meadow, pasture, woodland, and such as is mountainous and barren, is unknown. The Lands beyond the River *Delaware*, lately purchased from the Indian Proprietors, are still less known. The original Title to the Lands on which the Colony was first settled, was at the Time the English came hither, in the *Pequot* Nation of Indians, who were numerous and warlike; their Country extended from *Narraganset* to *Hudson's* River, and over all *Long-Island*. — *Sasacus*, their great Sagamore, had under him twenty six Sachems: He injuriously made War upon the English; he exercised dispotic Dominion over his Subjects; he, with all his Sachems and People, were conquered, and made Tributaries to the English. The War being ended, Considerations and Settlements were made with such Sachems and People as remained, who came in, and received to their full Contentment and Satisfaction; and have at all Times since been used and treated with Justice and Humanity. No Grants are made by

the General Assembly, before the Indian Title is purchased, agreeable to the Right of Pre-emption, granted by Royal Charter to the Governor and Company of this Colony. Thus the greatest Part of this Colony was purchased and obtained for great and valuable Considerations, and other Parts thereof gained by Conquest, and with much Difficulty, and at the only Endeavours, Expence and Charges of Persons thereby interested in the plantation of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*, and their Associates. Thereupon, agreeable to our Royal Patent and Grant, the Title under which the Inhabitants hold their Possession, is a Grant and Patent made by the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of this Colony to the respective Townships, or to particular Persons, to them, their Heirs, Successors and Assigns forever, according to the most free Tenure of *East Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in the Realm of *England*.

IV. What Rivers are there, and of what Extent and Convenience in point of Commerce?

IV. The Principal Rivers are, *Connecticut*, *New-London*, *Stratford*, *Delaware*, and *Susquehannah*. The Extent of the first is through *New-Hampshire*, *Massachusetts-Bay*, and this Colony; navigable to *Hartford;* the second to *Norwich;* the third to *Derby*, the northern Parts of this is usually called *Ousatannock*-River: They are all of great Convenience in point of Commerce.

V. What are the principal Harbours, how situated, of what extent, and what is the depth of Water, and n ture of Anchorage each?

V. The principal Harbours are, *New London*, and *New-Haven*: The former opens to the South; from the Light-House at the Mouth of the Harbour, to the Town, is about three Miles, the Breadth three-quarters of a Mile, and in some Places more; — from five to six Fathoms Water, — a clear Bottom — tough Ooze — and as far up as one Mile above the Town entirely secure and commodious for large Ships: The latter is situate North and South; half a Mile wide at the Entrance, — frome thence to the Town four Miles — having two Fathom and one Half at low Water, and three Fathom and four Feet at common Tides, and very good Anchorage.

VI. What is the Constitution of the Government?

VI. The Constitution of the Government by Royal Charter, is a Legislative Power vested in the General Assembly, which consists of the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor, and twelve Assistants (called the Upper House), and Representatives, not exceeding Two from each Town, chosen by the Freemen of the respective Towns they represent, (called the Lower House).

No Act is valid without the joint Concurrence of both Houses: They make Laws, institute Judicatories, appoint Judges, and other necessary Officers, who are sworn to a faithful Discharge of their Trust. A General Assembly is holden, agreeable to Royal Charter,

in *May* and *October*, annually; and at other Times when called by the Governor, or in his Absence the Deputy-Governor, on any Emergency.

VII. What is the Trade of the Province? the number of Shipping belonging thereto, their Tonnage, and number of Seafaring Men, with their respective Increase or Diminution within ten Years past?

VII. The principal Trade of this Colony is to the *West-India* Islands — excepting now and then a Vessel to *Ireland* with Flaxseed, and to *England* with Lumber and Potashes, and a few to *Gibraltar* and *Barbary* — The number of Shipping is One Hundred and Eighty — their Tonnage 10,317 — Seafaring Men 1162 — besides upwards of twenty Sail of Coasting Vessels, that employ about ninety Seamen: — The Increase since the Year 1762, in Number of Shipping, 76 — their Tonnage 6,790 — Seafaring Men 601.

VIII. What Quantity and Sorts of British Manufactures do the Inhabitants annually take from hence? What Goods and Commodities are exported from thence to *Great Britain*, and what is the annual Amount at Average?

VIII. The Quantity of British Manufactures the Inhabitants do annually import hither from *Great-Britain*, are few; but including those taken from the Merchants of *Boston* and *New-York*, upon a Medium, from the best Observation, is £.200,000, Sterling, per Annum. The Sorts are almost all that are useful or ornamental in common Life. The Goods and Commodities exported from hence to *Great-Britain*, are Pot and Pearl Ashes, Lumber, and some salted Provisions; the annual Amount at an Average may be £.10,000 Sterling.

IX. What Trade has the Province under your Government with any foreign Plantations, or any Part of *Europe* besides *Great-Britain*? How is that Trade carried on? What Commodities do the People under your Government send to, or receive from foreign Plantations; and what is the annual Amount at an Average?

IX. A Trade with the French and Dutch *West-Indies*, *Gibralter*, and *Barbary*. Those Vessels that go from hence to the French and Dutch Plantations, carry Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Provisions and Lumber: Those for *Gibralter* and *Barbary*, carry Flour, Lumber, *New-England* Rum, and Stores for Muling; — they receive Molasses, Cocoa, Cotton, and some Sugar, — from the Dutch Plantations Bills of Exchange, —— and from *Barbary* Mules, sold in the *West Indies* for Bills of Exchange: The annual Amount is about £.55,000, at an Average.

X. What Methods are there used to prevent illegal Trade? and are the same effectual?

X. A careful Conformity of the Custom-House Officers, and all concerned to their Duty — which prove very effectual.

XI. What is the natural Produce of the Country, staple Commodities and Manufactures; and what Value thereof in Sterling Money may you annually export?

XI. It's natural Produce is Timber of all Kinds, Wheat, Rye, Indian-Corn, Beans, Barley, Oats and Flax: The staple Commodities are the above Produce, Pork, Beef, and Pot and Pearl Ashes.

The Manufactures are coarse Linnens and Woollens, done in the Family-way for the Use of the poorer Sort, Labourers, and Servants; — also Iron-mongery, but export none. The Value of our exported Produce and Commodities, may be annually £.200,000.

XII. What Mines are there?

XII. Copper Mines in divers Parts, yet after considerable Expence and Labour to open them, have proved unprofitable, and now are much neglected.——Iron Mines in great Plenty in many Places, manufactured to some Advantage, but hitherto not a Supply for our Inhabitants.

XIII. What is the number of Inhabitants — Whites and Blacks?

XIII. On an exact Census, the Number of Inhabitants —
Whites — 191,392
Blacks — 6,464.

XIV. Are the Inhabitants increased or decreased within the last ten Years? How much, and for what Reason?

XIV. The Inhabitants are increased since the Year 1762 — 52,266 — also within this Time, there have been frequent and numerous Emigrations from hence, to settle on new Lands in His Majesty's other Colonies in *America*: — Which, under the Divine Benediction, we attribute to industrious, temperate Life, and early Marriage.

XV. What is the Number of the Militia, and under what Regulations is it constituted?

XV. The Number on the Militia Rolls is 26,260 — It is constituted under the Regulations provided in "An Act for "forming and regulating the Militia; and for the Encouragement "of Military Skill, for the better Defence of this Colony." All Male Persons from sixteen Years of Age to Forty-five, to bear Arms, excepting civil and ecclesiastical Officers, and others therein mentioned: The Train-bands in each Town, to attend four Days in a Year, for Instruction in Military Discipline. There are eighteen Regiments, with a Troop of Horse to each, and to some two Troops; each Regiment to attend Regimental Exercises once in four Years. The Militia spend their own Time, — the Soldiers and all Householders provide themselves with Arms, &c. — Fines and Penalties are imposed for every Neglect and Defect. — It is no otherwise of any Expence to the Colony.

XVI. What Forts and places of Defence are there within your Government; and in what Condition?

XVI. A small Battery at *New-London*, consisting of nine Guns, built and supported at the Colony's Expence, which is small.

XVII. What number of Indians have you; and how are they inclined?

XVII. There is Thirteen Hundred and Sixty-three; many of them dwell in English Families, the rest in small Tribes in various Places; — they are in Peace, good Order, and inclined to Idleness.

XVIII. What is the Strength of the neighbouring Indians?

XVIII. No Indians are in the Neighbourhood of the first settled Part of this Colony; — the Six Nations border on the Lands lying West of *Delaware*.

XIX. What is the Revenue arising within your Government; and how is it appropriated and applied?

XIX. It arises from a Tax on Polls and rateable Estate, near to six thousand Pound Sterling: — Somewhat more than one third Part is appropriated to the support of Schools in the several Towns, for Education of Children and Youth: The residue is applied for the support of Government.

XX. What are the ordinary and extraordinary Expences of your Government?

XX. The ordinary annual Expences are near four thousand Pounds Sterling, exclusive of the Schools: There hath been no extraordinary Expences since the last War; the Burden of that is felt to this Day.

XXI. What are the Establishments, civil and military, within your Government; and by what Authority do the Officers hold their Places? What is the annual Value of each Office, civil and military? How are they respectively appointed, and who are the present Possessors?

XXI. The civil Officers of the Colony, are — the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and twelve Assistants, annually chosen in *May*, by the Freemen of the Colony, and take their several and respective corporal Oaths, according to our Royal Charter: At the same Time is chosen and sworn according to Law, a Treasurer, and Secretary. By Law are established, one Superior Court, whereof is one Chief Judge, and four other Judges; which Court is held in each County twice in a Year: — An Inferior or County Court in each County, whereof is one Judge, and two or more Justices of the Quorum: — Courts of Probates in eighteen Districts, whereof is one Judge in each District: — Justices of the Peace for each County, whereof

there is one or more in each Town: — One Sheriff, and one King's Attorney in each County.

The Military Officers established by Law, are — the Governor for the Time being, is Captain-General and Commander in Chief of and over all the Military Forces within this Colony; the Deputy-Governor for the Time being, is Lieutenant-General of the same: — One Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel and one Major of each Regiment: — One Captain of each Trainband, and Troop of Horse, with Subaltern Officers.

All Officers, civil and military, hold their Place by Commission from the Governor.

The Governor's Salary is £.300 lawful Money, per Annum.

The Deputy-Governor's Ditto, is £.100 Ditto, Ditto.

The Treasurer's Ditto, is £.180 Ditto, Ditto.

The Secretary's Ditto, is £.20 Ditto, Ditto, with certain Perquisites

Other Civil Officers are rewarded for their Services according to the Time they attend the same.

All Officers, both Civil and Military, are appointed by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled.

The Civil Officers are appointed annually in *May;* the Military Officers from Time to Time as Vacancies happen.

The Names of the present Civil Officers, are as follows, viz.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Governor,
MATTHEW GRISWOLD, Deputy-Governor,

Assistants.

- Jabez Hamlin,
- Shubael Conant,
- Elisha Shelden,
- Eliphalet Dyer,
- Jabez Huntington,
- William Pitkin,
- Roger Sherman,
- Abraham Davenport,
- William–Samuel Johnson,
- Joseph Spencer,
- Oliver Wolcott,
- James–Abraham Hillhouse,

John Lawrence, Treasurer,
George Wyllys, Secretary.

The Superior Court.

Matthew Griswold, Chief Judge.

Judges.

- Eliphalet Dyer,
- Roger Sherman,
- William Pitkin,
- Samuel Huntington,

The Inferior Court for the County of *Hartford.*
Jabez Hamlin, Chief Judge.

William Wolcott,
Seth Wetmore,
Samuel Talcott,
Erastus Wolcott,
} Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

The Inferior Court for the County of *New-Haven.*
Elihu Chauncey, Chief Judge.

Thomas Darling,
John Fowler,
Samuel Bishop. jun.
James Wadsworth, jun.
} Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

The Inferior Court for the County of *New-London.*
Richard Law, Chief Judge.

Samuel Coit,
William Hillhouse,
Jeremiah Miller,
Samuel Selden,
} Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

The Inferior Court for the County of *Fairfield.*
Abraham Davenport, Chief Judge.

John Read,
Samuel Adams,
Robert Fairchild,
Joseph Platt,
} Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

The Inferior Court for the County of *Windham.*
Shubael Conant, Chief Judge.

Jabez Fitch,
Joshua West,
Ebenezer Williams,
William Williams,
} Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

The Inferior Court for the County of *Litchfield.*
Oliver Wolcott, Chief Judge.

Increase Mosely,
Daniel Sherman,
Bushnel Bostwick,
Joshua Porter,
} Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

Joseph Talcott, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Hartford.

Joseph Spencer, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of East-Haddam.

Jabez Hamlin, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Middletown.

Isaac Pinney, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Stafford.

Solomon Whitman, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Farmington.
John Owen, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Symsbury.
John Whiting, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of New-Haven
Gurdon Saltonstall, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of New-London.
Aaron Eliott, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Guilford.
Jabez Huntington, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Norwich.
Charles Phelps, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Stonington.
Ebenezer Silliman, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Fairfield.
Abraham Davenport, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Stamford.
Thomas Benedict, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Danbury.
Shubael Conant, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Windham.
Jabez Fitch, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Plainfield.
Ebenezer Williams, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Pomfret.
Oliver Wolcott, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Litchfield.
Daniel Sherman, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Woodbury.
Joshua Porter, Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Sharon.

Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Hartford.*

George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, Thomas Hosmer, Jonathan Hills, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Elisha Williams, Solomon Wells, Thomas Belden, Josiah Bissell, Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Charles Elsworth, jun. Nathaniel Chauncey, Matthew Talcott, Richard Alsop, Titus Hosmer, Solomon Whitman, Joseph Hart, Jared Lee, John Strong, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee, jun. Fisher Gay, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Jonathan Pettibone, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Joseph Wells, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, William Wells, Elizur Talcott, Jonathan Wells, Phineas Lyman, Alexander King, Daniel Brainerd, Jabez Chapman, jun. Samuel Huntington, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion, (of Colchester), David Barber, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Ephraim Terry, Joseph Olmsted, Edward Collins, Benjamin Talcott, Thomas Pitkin, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman,

Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Oliver Elsworth, Stephen Hotchkiss, Reuben Sikes, Dyar Throop, and Emery Pease.

Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *New-Haven.*

Elihu Chauncey, John Whiting, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Sacket, Samuel Hemingway, Joshua Chandler, Caleb Beecher, Simeon Bristol, Enos Allyn, David Wooster, Thomas Howell, David Baldwin, Ephraim Strong, David Ingersol, Timothy Russell, Charles French, John Daviss, Joseph Hull, jun. Thomas Mathews, Joseph Hopkins, Jonathan Baldwin, Timothy Judd, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Royce, Elihu Hall, Benjamin Hall the 3d. Aaron Lyman, Macock Ward, Dan Johnson, Caleb Hall, Oliver Stanly, Reuben Atwater, Nathaniel Ruggles, Josiah Meigs, Timothy Todd, John Burgiss, Samuel Brown, Oliver Dudley, Jonathan Russell, Samuel Barker, Josiah Rogers, James Barker, William Gould, and John Wooster.

Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *New-London.*

Richard Law, Gurdon Saltonstall, John Murdock, John-Still Winthrop, Jonathan Lattemore, jun. John Hempsted, Joshua Raymond, Winthrop Saltonstall, Elisha Fitch, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Jacob Perkins, Simon Tracy, jun. Samuel Huntington, Benjamin Huntington, Elisha Lathrop, Elijah Backus, Richard Hide, Christopher Leffingwell, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Daniel Bishop, William Witter, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, Joseph Denison, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Nathaniel Minor, Stephen Babcock, Luke Perkins, Nathan Smith, William Williams, Ebenezer Avery, Benadam Gallup, William Avery, Robert Geer, Ebenezer Ledyard, Benjamin Lee, Samuel Ely, John Lay, 2d. Samuel-Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather, William Noyes, Hezekiah Whittelsey, John Shipman, Justus Buck, Benjamin Williams, William Worthington, Elnathan Stephens, Aaron Eliott, John Pierson, Theophilus Morgan, John Tyler, Joseph Palmer, Thomas Mumford, William Morgan, Nehemiah Huntington, and Nathaniel Backus.

Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Fairfield.*

Ebenezer Silliman, John Brooks, James Walker, Ichabod Lewiss, Daniel Fairchild, David Wilcockson, Samuel Odell, Gold-Selleck Silliman, Nathan Bulkley, Jonathan Sturgiss, Abraham Andruss, David Cooley, Samuel Bradley, Samuel Fitch, Thomas Fitch, jun. Thomas Belden, Theophilus Fitch, Elias Betts, Thomas Young, Charles Webb, David Waterbury, jun. Benjamin Weed, Messenger Palmer, Peter Mead, John Mead, Reuben Ferriss, Samuel Olmsted, Samuel Smith, Philip-Burr Bradley, Daniel Cooley, Thomas Benedict, Joseph-Platt Cook, Daniel Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Thaddeus Benedict, Henry Glover, Oliver Tousey, Richard Fairman, John Chandler, Henry Peck, Nehemiah Beardslee, Thomas Brush, Alexander Stewart, Lemuel Sanford, jun. Daniel Judson, Philip Nichols,

John Allen, Ebenezer Banks, Samuel Wakeman, Zacheus Towner, Ephraim Hubbel, and Amos Mead.

Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Windham.*

Samuel Gray, Jedidiah Elderkin, Nathaniel Wales, jun. Jacob Simons, Hezekiah Manning, Benajah Bill, John Clark, Isaac Coit, Elisha Payne, John Curtiss, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Thomas Williams, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Jacob Dresser, Thomas Moffat, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Jeremiah Kinne, Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart, Nathaniel Child, Samuel Child, jun. Abner Sessions, Solomon Wales, Jedidiah Morse, Nathan Frink, Charles-Church Chandler, Abraham Burknap, jun. James Bradford, Elijah Dyer, and Ebenezer Devotion.

Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Litchfield.*

Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, Daniel Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everett, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Benjamin Stiles, Thomas Warner, Joseph Pierce, Paul Welch, Samuel Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, Joseph Ruggles, John Ransom, Daniel Lee, Nathan Eliott, Ephraim Hubbell, jun. Daniel Griswold, James Landon, John Hutchinson, Charles Burrall, Elisha Barker, Samuel Forbes, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, Abijah Catlin, Daniel Catlin, John Cook, Epaphras Shelden, Matthew Gillet, Zebulon Merrells, Michael Humphry, Giles Pettibone, Nehemiah Andruss, William Cogswell, John Canfield, Joseph Lord, Thomas Porter, Zebulon Butler, Nathan Denison, and Silas Park.

The Sheriffs, and King's Attornies in the several Counties.

Ezekiel Williams, Sheriff,
Thomas Seymour, King's Attorney, } in and for the County of Hartford.

Jonathan Fitch, Sheriff,
Jas.-Abraham Hillhouse, King's Attorney, } in and for the County of New-Haven.

Christopher Christophers, Sheriff,
Samuel-Holden Parsons, King's Attorney, } in and for the County of New-London.

Thaddeus Burr, Sheriff,
Gold-Selleck Silliman, King's Attorney, } in and for the County of Fairfield.

Eleazer Fitch, Sheriff,
Jedidiah Elderkin, King's Attorney, } in and for the County of Windham.

Lynde Lord, Sheriff,
Andrew Adams, King's Attorney, } in and for the County of Litchfield.

Field Officers in the several Regiments of Militia.

Ist.

George Wyllys, Colonel,
William Pitkin, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Erastus Wolcott, Major.

IId.

Leverett Hubbard, Colonel,
William Gold, Lieutenant-Colonel,
David Baldwin, Major.

IIId.

Gurdon Saltonstall, Colonel,
Jabez Huntington, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Samuel H. Parsons, Major.

IV.

John Read, Colonel,
William-Samuel Johnson, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Gold-Selleck Silliman, Major.

V.

Shubael Conant, Colonel,
Eliphalet Dyer, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Jedidiah Elderkin, Major.

VI.

Jabez Hamlin, Colonel,
Elizur Talcott, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Elisha Williams, Major.

VII.

Aaron Eliot, Colonel,
Hezekiah Brainerd, Lieutenant-Colonel,
John Eliot, Major.

VIII.

Samuel Coit, Colonel,
Ebenezer Avery, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Charles Phelps, Major.

IX.

Abraham Davenport, Colonel,
Thomas Fitch, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Charles Webb, Major.

X.

Elihu Chauncey, Colonel,
Elihu Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel,
James Wadsworth, jun. Major.

XI.

Ebenezer Williams, Colonel,
Jabez Fitch, Lieutenant-Colonel,
John Douglass, Major.

XII.

Joseph Spencer, Colonel,
William Williams, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Henry Champion, Major.

XIII.

Benjamin Hinman, Colonel,
Bushnell Bostwick, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Increase Mosely, jun. Major.

XIV.

Charles Burrel, Colonel,
Joshua Porter, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Ebenezer Gay, Major.

XV.

John Strong, Colonel,
Isaac Lee, jun. Lieutenant-Colonel,
Abijah Catlin, Major.

XVI.

Joseph-Platt Cook, Colonel,
Philip-Burr Bradley, Lieutenant-Colonel,
John Chandler, Major.

XVII.

Oliver Wolcott, Colonel,
Ebenezer Norton, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Epaphras Sheldon, Major.

XVIII.

Jonathan Pettibone, Colonel,
Jonathan Humphry, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Abel Merril, Major.

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Page 72, 5th line from bottom, *for* Stilliman *read* Silliman.

Page 159, line 17, also p. 214, line 1, Scha. Griggs: the record is clear in both places, but, according to Waldo's *Early History of Tolland*, p. 139, his name was Ichabod.

Page 414, line 14, *for* Joseph Fuller *read* Joshua Fuller, though the former is the reading of the MS. record.

Page 452, bottom line, 1714 was obviously a misprint in the pamphlet for 1614.

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